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Mossadegh Accuses Britons Of Sabotage

Teheran, Sept. 25.

The Persian Premier, Dr Mohammed Mossadegh, announced today that he was expelling in nine days all the 350 British oil staff still at the great Abadan refinery.

A Government source said that Dr Mossadegh ordered the expulsions because he considered:

1.—They were "sabotaging" the \$500,000,000 installations.

2.—Other foreign technicians would not accept jobs in Persia until the British left.

3.—Potential customers would not buy oil until Persia was in complete control, since they would not have confidence that supplies would be uninterrupted by political difficulties.

The ailing Premier has told his officials in South Persia's oil province of Khuzistan to give the Britons till midnight on Wednesday, October 3, to quit. The orders are expected to be handed over tomorrow.

Dr Mossadegh issued his long threatened order less than a week after offering to resume negotiations with the British. London rejected this offer immediately because it contained no new proposals.

He originally coupled his offer of new talks with the expulsion threat in an ultimatum which the American oil envoy, Mr Averell Harriman, refused to send on to Britain.

None of the Britons at Abadan will be given the option of joining the new National Persian Oil Company.

Dr Mossadegh's cable instructions to his officials made it clear that he wanted the British treated well in their last days in Persia.

ACTS ON HIS OWN

He was, due to take his recommendations on the expulsions to the Majlis (Lower House of Parliament) on Thursday. But sources close to him tonight said that he had decided to act immediately without Parliamentary approval because he wanted to take on other foreign assistance as soon as possible.

The Premier's cable to the Persian Oil Board in Abadan said: "Herewith is the decision of the Mixed Oil Commission which has also been sanctioned by the Cabinet and which is transmitted to you for execution." "In view of the undertaking given by the Government to the Senate and Majlis that the fate of British technicians would be determined soon, the Cabinet notifies the Oil Board to inform the British experts that since they have not agreed to serve

with the National Iranian Oil Company their presence in Persia is redundant and there is no reason for their staying in Khuzistan. Therefore, they should, within one week, make preparations for departure from Persia.

In order to carry out the above order you are to notify immediately each British technician resident in the oil area individually that he is to quit Persian territory within one week from the morning of Thursday, September 27.

CONDUCT INSTRUCTIONS

"Nevertheless, in the course of these seven days that they remain in Persia the conduct of the Persian authorities and employees should be such that the British should have the best feelings towards Persia at the moment of their departure.

"I must emphasize on the Oil Board the necessity for punctilious execution of the above decision and further insist that until the last moment British technicians should benefit from traditional Persian hospitality."

Police, gendarmerie, military and other authorities of Khuzistan Province were informed of the Government's decision—with emphasis on the necessity of avoiding unpleasantness to Britons.

The British Embassy tonight refused any comment on the expulsion order.

A source close to the Premier said tonight that Dr Mossadegh was confident that if there were no incidents during the evacuation the British Government would not intervene.

The source said that the Premier's confidence was strengthened by the conviction that the coming general election would act as a brake on British Government action.—Ruter.

Tito Ready To Settle Dispute

Washington, Sept. 25. The Yugoslav Ambassador, Vladimir Popovich, said today Marshal Tito's government is ready to try to negotiate a settlement with Italy of their long dispute over Trieste.

The envoy expressed the belief that with "mutual good will" a settlement could be worked out.

However, he said, negotiations cannot be based on the 1948 declaration by the United States, Britain and France that Trieste should be returned to Italy.

Popovich had a 60-minute conference with Mr Dean Acheson which he said was devoted to the Trieste issue and the current visit of Signor Alcide de Gasperi, the Italian Premier.—Associated Press.

Missing Manuscripts Located?

Berlin, Sept. 25.

Carlton Smith, director of the US National Art Foundation, said today "underground" reports received from Poland indicate that famous missing musical manuscripts might be in the university library in Breslau.

The manuscripts include Beethoven's Ninth and Seventh Symphonies, Mozart's Magic Flute and Mendelssohn's Elijah.

Smith said he had received word from Poland that printed music of the 16th and 17th centuries which disappeared along with the Mozart, Mendelssohn and Beethoven manuscripts were in Breslau.

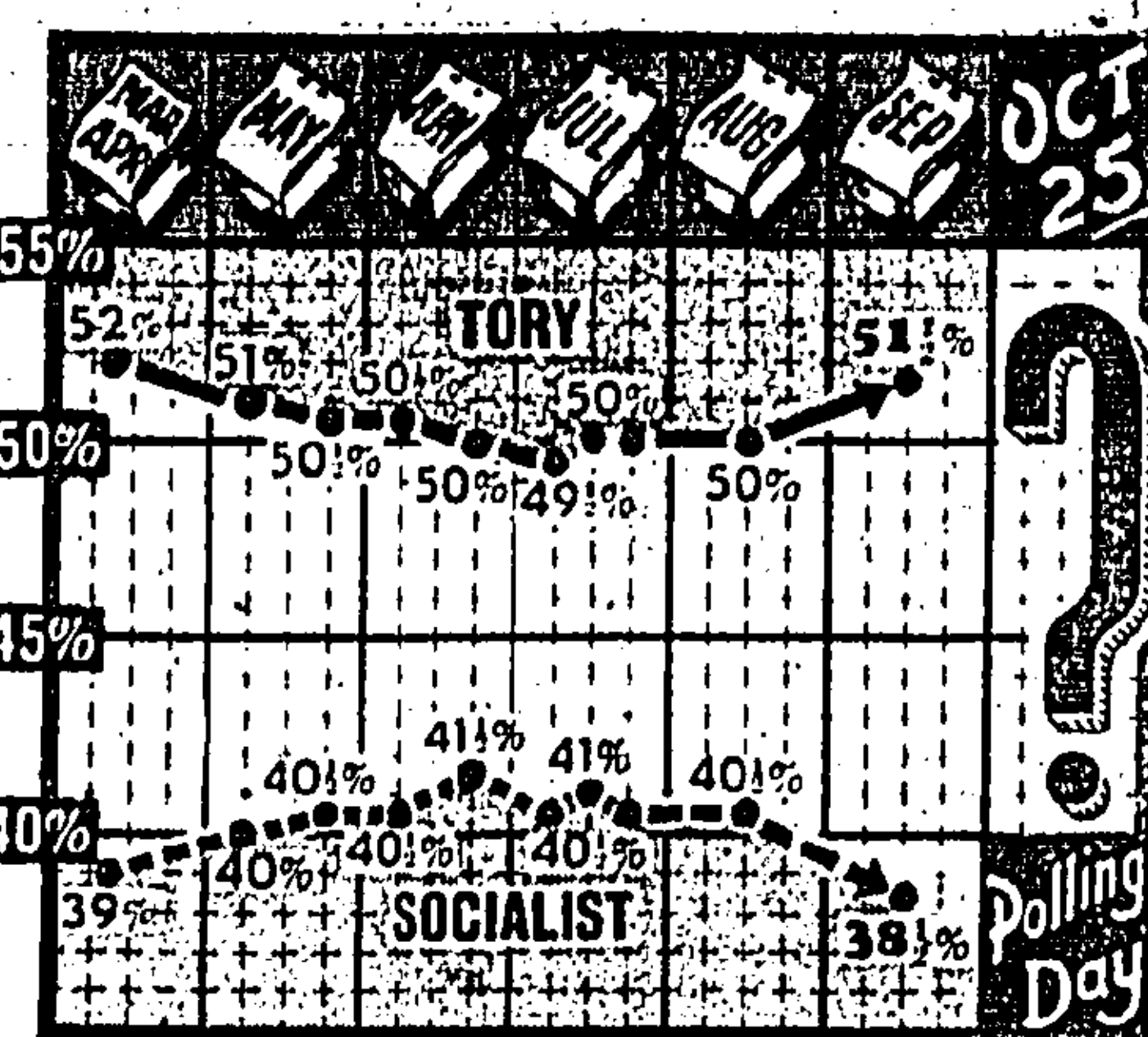
This led to the hope, he said, that the other manuscripts might be there too.

All the manuscripts disappeared during the war from the Benedictine Monastery in Grassau, in Silesia, where they had been hidden by the Germans.

Smith returned recently from a six-day tour of East Germany. He learned on his tour that Beethoven's conversation books had disappeared from the former Prussian State Library in East Berlin.—United Press.

REDS SEND NEW CEASE-FIRE MESSAGE

HOW TORIES & SOCIALISTS STOOD IN PUBLIC FAVOUR ON SEPT. 8



Close Result In The Election Expected

London, Sept. 25.

Political statisticians who correctly forecast the 1950 election result said today that though many people expect a Conservative win next month a close finish is possible.

The statisticians said that on the score of straw polls so far, Mr Winston Churchill's Conservatives should have a majority of 91 seats.

But they added that the actual outcome will depend on how far the customary election time hardening of Government support—which has already begun—continued between now and polling day—October 25.

Judging by a statement made tonight by a ministerial member of the Conservatives' "Shadow Cabinet", Mr Winston Churchill, their leader, will refrain from any attempt to snatch victory by buying up Britain's "austerity" electorate with false hopes.

Mr Walter Elliot, former Conservative Health Minister, told Reuters, "The need for defence is paramount, but the financial situation causes us grave anxiety. Consequently it is impossible for us to make any easy promises to the electorate."

DRAFT MANIFESTO

London, Sept. 25. Winston Churchill met with his Conservative Party "shadow cabinet" on Tuesday to draft an election manifesto emphasising the paramount importance of speedy armament.

The wartime Prime Minister was also understood to have urged full British co-operation with the United States as Britain's greatest weapon in opposing the threats of Russia and Communism.

The manifesto will probably be kept secret until after the Labour Party issues its own manifesto next week.

Mr Churchill has never made a secret of his views that Britain can stand strongest if she stands side by side with the United States. However much of his vote-getting campaign will be devoted to attacking the Labour Party for its "failures" in office.

Mr Anthony Eden, slated for the post of Foreign Secretary if Mr Churchill succeeds in regaining his wartime post, attended the meeting on Tuesday morning at Mr Churchill's London home.

SOCIALISTS' TRUCE

The need for a solid platform for the October 25 general elections was emphasized to the Conservatives on Monday by the "truce" in the Labour Party between the left-wing splinter group of Mr Aneurin Bevan and Mr Attlee's forces. A united Labour Party is certain to present a more formidable challenge to the Tories on election day than a divided party.

The Tory manifesto will also advocate fuller co-operation with Commonwealth countries, bigger incentives for industry in order to increase production, and the elimination of "administrative waste" which the Conservatives charge the present government is guilty of.

The Conservatives were expected to make a major bid for parliamentary control right here in London as well as in outlying regions. They will contest all 43 parliamentary seats in the London area which during the last elections proved a Labour stronghold. The Labourites won 21 seats to 12 for the Tories' supporters.—United Press.

NEW CEASE-FIRE MESSAGE

Liaison Officers Expected To Meet Today

Advance HQ, UN Command, Sept. 26.

At approximately 7 a.m. Lieutenant Colonel Norman B. Edwards, acting UNC liaison officer, received from Colonel Chang Chun-san, senior Communist liaison officer, a message for Colonel Andrew J. Kinney, senior UNC liaison officer.

The message was exchanged at the Pan Mun Jom bridge to which point Colonel Edwards and two interpreters travelled by helicopter.

The helicopter returned to the advance headquarters at approximately 7.17 a.m.

The contents of the communication have not been disclosed.

United Nations Command and Communist liaison officers are expected to meet again today (Wednesday) at Kaesong. It was learned from responsible sources.

The Allied liaison team was scheduled to leave the advance United Nations Command base near Munsan—about 9.15 a.m. by helicopter.

The Communists' Peking Radio said today (Wednesday) that a meeting of United Nations and Red officers at Kaesong yesterday (Tuesday) ended because the UN officers "could not give an opinion on our proposal" for formal resumption of armistice negotiations at 10 a.m. today (September 26).

The radio said Colonel Chang Chun-san, North Korean Liaison officer, "reported that the meeting was disbanded pending a reply to our proposal from the other side."

The radio said the UN Liaison officer, Colonel Andrew J. Kinney, "agreed to disbanding of the meeting in order to wait for instructions from his higher authorities."

DIFFERENT VERSION

The Communist version of how yesterday's meeting ended differed sharply with that of the General Headquarters Public Information Office which said Colonel Chang Chun-san "brought an abrupt halt" to the parley "by stalking angrily out of the conference room."

The GHQ announcement said the North Korean Liaison officer left the room after "refusing to countenance" Colonel Kinney's suggestion "that the liaison officers of both sides be delegated authority to discuss conditions concerning the armistice conference that would be conducive to progress toward a cease-fire."

The Peking Radio said that it was on orders of North Korean General Nam Il, the chief Communist armistice delegate, that Colonel Chang Chun-san "once again proposed" yesterday "that delegates of both sides resume negotiations at 10 a.m. September 26. But Colonel Kinney still avoided expressing an opinion on our proposal but once again brought up the so-called conditions for resumption of armistice negotiations meetings. Eventually Colonel Chang Chun-san stated that since the other side still could not give an opinion on our proposal for formal resumption by delegates of both sides of Kaesong armistice negotiations at 10 a.m.

King Takes Nourishment

London, Sept. 25.

King George took nourishment today for the first time since he underwent a serious lung operation on Sunday.

A Medical bulletin issued by Buckingham Palace revealed that the Monarch's anxious subjects that he has thrown off any immediate post-operative shock or complications.

"The King has had a comfortable day and has been able to take some nourishment," the bulletin said.

The sixth issued since the operation. It was in the same encouraging vein as a morning announcement that the King had a "restful night" and "continues to gain strength."

Typhoon Moves Away From HK

The typhoon which threatened the Colony yesterday has begun to move away from Hongkong in a north-easterly direction and is now heading towards Formosa.

The following statement was issued at 9.45. "At 3 a.m. local time the typhoon was centred about 220 miles ESE of Hongkong. Little information is available, but it now seems fairly certain that the typhoon has begun to move away from Hongkong on a north-easterly track and is now heading towards Formosa.

"There is no longer any danger of gale force winds in Hongkong."

"The No. 7 typhoon signal was lowered at 5.30 this morning."

Security Gag President Truman's New Restrictions

Washington, Sept. 25.

President Harry S. Truman signed an order on Tuesday applying tight military security to government and civilian agencies on information which might aid "potential enemies."

At the same time Mr Truman issued a statement saying the sole purpose of the order is to guard against disclosures "harmful to the security of the United States" and not to withhold information that has no bearing on national security.

"The American people have a fundamental right to information about their government, and there is no element of censorship, either direct or implied, in this order," the President said.

The order applied only to officials—and employees of the government, carries no penalties, and does not attempt to restrict what newspapers, radios or other agencies of news dissemination may publish or broadcast.

Under it, civilian agencies handling matters affecting the defence programme must classify certain material as "security information" and also give it one of four additional classifications: Top secret; secret; confidential; or restricted.

The order does not attempt to define what information should be classified, and leaves it to the agency heads and designated security officers to use their own judgment.—Associated Press.

COMMENT OF THE DAY

Daylight Saving Need

DAYLIGHT saving in Hongkong for 1951 is to cease on October 28, although the only known reason that it should do so (and it is not a particularly impressive one) is that the Ordinance lays down that Summer Time must be declared ended before the year closes. It is, perhaps, symptomatic of the peculiar characteristics of this Colony that what is intended to be a boon to residents should be withdrawn at a time of the year when it would be most welcome and most effective. So far as Hongkong is concerned there is a much stronger case to be made out for an extra hour of daylight in the winter than in the summer. Primarily daylight saving is intended to benefit the community by providing additional time for enjoying open air sports and recreation after the day's work has finished. But the summer is, by nature, not an ideal period of the year for energetic sports and pastimes. It is our winter which provides the best conditions. But because the clocks are put back to sun time, office workers have virtually no chance of mid-week open air recreation after work. Cricket practice, tennis, lawn bowls and other open air games are beyond the average office worker in mid-week during the winter months (despite the near-perfect climatic conditions for these sports) because by the time he has left work, crossed the harbour and reached his club, the sun is setting. Wherefore the opportunity for open air exercise, which it has long been accepted in this Colony is desirable in order to help people keep fit, is restricted to Saturday afternoon and Sunday. To achieve the maximum purpose for which daylight saving was originally conceived it is essential that

in Hongkong it should operate throughout the year. To deprive the Colony of that extra hour of light in the evening between November and April merely robs thousands of people of the chance of obtaining much-needed open air relaxation during the week; they cannot, because of the early sunset take full advantage of the dry and exhilarating weather of November, December and January. What are the disadvantages of daylight saving during the winter months? One that may be advanced is that it would mean rising in the morning in the dark. But even when clocks are set to sun time it is still necessary to rise in a half light which requires the use of artificial lighting for morning ablutions. The milking of cows and the feeding of farmyard stock presents something of a problem, but not one, as experience has shown, which cannot satisfactorily be overcome. It is contended that daylight saving upsets the sleeping habits of children, yet not only in Hongkong, but elsewhere, they appear to adapt themselves to the conditions without harm to themselves while Summer Time is operating. On the other side of the balance sheet there remains the incontestable benefit which the community as a whole derives from having an extra hour of daylight during the winter evenings. That is the time of day when daylight is most needed and can be put to best and most beneficial use. We believe that daylight saving should be continued throughout the winter and we suggest Government give consideration to an amendment of the existing Ordinance enabling this to be put into effect.



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EMPIRE'S JET AIR ROUTES

Secret Talks Open
In London

London, Sept. 25. A hundred aircraft experts from many parts of the world met here today to clear the way for a great fleet of jet airliners which will soon be flying on British Commonwealth air routes. Behind closed doors the delegates will discuss aerodrome management, navigational aids, air traffic control and improved meteorological facilities to serve the jet age.

Recommendations made at the conference—the first of its kind—will be reported by delegates to their respective ministries and governments for consideration and implementation.

Twenty-two Commonwealth countries are represented at the talks which end on October 5.

Sir Arnold Overton, Permanent Secretary to the Ministry of Civil Aviation, who opened the conference, said, "It is on the Commonwealth routes that the turbo-jet transport aircraft will be pioneered."

"Our experience will be of immense value in the wider international field in preparation for much more extensive use of jet transport on other trunk routes."

Sir Arnold said that two types of jet aircraft—the De Havilland Comet and the Viscount—had been flying experimentally for several months. Both types would soon be flying regular scheduled services on B.O.A.C. and B.E.A. routes.

The jet airliner was offering greater speed combined with comfort and beauty. Shorter flying times plus the reduction of noise and vibration would add greatly to the attractions of air travel and the comfort of passengers.

Countries and areas represented at the talks are:

Australia, Canada, Ceylon, the Bahamas, Bermuda, the Caribbean, East Africa, the Gold Coast, Hongkong, Jamaica, Malia, Nigeria, Trinidad, India, New Zealand, Pakistan, South Africa and Britain.—Reuter.

U.S. Expert To Take Post In Saudi Arabia

Harrisburg, Sept. 25. William Anderson, Executive Director of the Pennsylvania Aeronautics Commission, will leave his \$8,500 post on Friday to direct a vast public works programme in oil-rich Saudi Arabia.

Mr. Anderson, who has been Director of the State Aeronautics Commission since its creation in 1943, will take six months' leave of absence from his commission job. He and his wife will leave the United States on Friday for their trip to the desert kingdom, where he will be employed by Michael Baker Jr., Inc., of Rochester, Pennsylvania, a firm which is directing a \$40,000,000 to \$50,000,000 public works project for the Government of Saudi Arabia.

Mr. Anderson declined to reveal the amount he would be paid, saying: "It will be a very handsome salary, with all expenses paid." He will also become a vice-president of the Rochester firm, which, he said, has undertaken nearly \$500,000,000 in construction contracts in the western hemisphere.

The 40-year-old official will be given a private plane for his use in Saudi Arabia. He said: "King Ibn Saud is interested in developing his country and giving his people a better place to live. I will have complete charge of the expansion and construction of various public works projects the King plans to undertake."—United Press.

PAKISTAN'S SYMPATHIES

London, Sept. 25. The Governor-General and the Prime Minister of Pakistan have both sent messages of sympathy to King George in his present illness.

Khwaja Nazimuddin, Governor-General of Pakistan, in his message released here today, said: "The people of Pakistan and myself learn with great anxiety the news of Your Majesty's illness. We all pray for Your Majesty's speedy recovery, complete health and long life."

Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan, the Prime Minister, stated, "My colleagues and I have learnt with great concern of the illness of Your Majesty. We hope and pray that the operation is successful. We send our sincerest wishes for Your Majesty's recovery."—Reuter.

MISS ATTLEE ENGAGED



Mr Attlee's youngest daughter, 21-year-old Alison Elizabeth, is to marry a 21-year-old captain in the Honourable Artillery Company, Mr Richard Lionel Lance Davis. They met at a party last Christmas and were introduced by her brother Martin, who is also in the H.A.C. Alison Attlee is a secretary. Mr Davis is with a paper-making firm.—London Express Service.

Gasperi Satisfied With Progress Of Washington Talks

Washington, Sept. 25. The Italian Prime Minister, Signor Alcide de Gasperi, ended the second day of talks with the Secretary of State, Mr Dean Acheson, this evening and told newsmen as he left:

"I am satisfied with the talks and a communique will be given tomorrow. I had a chance to talk over all our problems and I found sympathy, understanding and goodwill."

Regarding economic matters, he said: "It is not possible to get down to figures because that is up to Congress to decide."

The text of the communique issued at the end of today's talks between Mr Acheson and Signor de Gasperi is as follows:

"At the afternoon's meeting between the Italian Prime Minister and the Secretary of State and their advisers, economic problems were discussed."

"Italy's economic situation was set forth by the Italian Minister of the Budget, Giuseppe Pella."

"Signor Pella cited examples of Italy's recovery and expressed appreciation for United States aid in making this recovery possible."

"He continued to say that Italy is determined to contribute a full share to the common European and Atlantic nations' cause."

STRAINS IMPOSED

"However, he said the rearmament programme imposed certain strains on Italy's economy and Signor Pella hoped the United States would take these strains into account in present and future planning for overseas assistance."

"Signor Pella cited particularly Italy's manpower and plant capacity as factors which could contribute to the objective of NATO. Mr Acheson assured the Prime Minister and Signor Pella that the United States is fully aware of Italy's recent progress and its immediate and long-range problems."

MP's Conference Discusses Freedom From Want

London, Sept. 25. Delegates from 22 countries, hammering out a charter for world government, were told today that half the world's people were living on one-twelfth of its income.

The Parliamentary Conference on World Government met for the second time this morning to debate a resolution on freedom from want.

Price For Release Of Oatis

Washington, Sept. 25. The Czech Ambassador, Dr. Vladimir Prochazka, said today that negotiations looking toward the release of the American journalist William Oatis might be possible if the United States abandons its political and economic warfare against Czechoslovakia.

Dr. Prochazka told a news conference at the Czech Embassy: "Mr Oatis is alive—he is quite well. He is in gaol."

Oatis was sentenced on July 4 to 10 years in prison on spy charges. He was an Associated Press correspondent in Prague.

"There is no situation in the world where there would not be a way out," the Ambassador told reporters who pressed him with questions whether Czechoslovakia might agree to release Oatis.

Dr. Prochazka said that as a prerequisite to negotiations for Oatis' release, it would be "necessary to clean the atmosphere."

This meant the withdrawal of American policies of restrictions on trade with Czechoslovakia and elimination of "interference in our internal affairs, which we cannot but reject." Under such conditions, he said, negotiations on any subject were possible.

He added: "We won't yield to any pressure."

The conference lasted nearly two hours. It was highlighted by a transcription of the Oatis court trial in which the voice of the American newsmen was heard.—United Press.

Deakin Visit Called Off

London, Sept. 25. Mr Arthur Deakin, British trade union leader, has decided to postpone his projected visit to Malta next month because of the British general election on October 25.

"He has not yet decided on an alternative date," his secretary told Reuter today. Mr Deakin, who is chairman of the Trades Union Congress General Council, planned to investigate the island's social and economic conditions during a one-week visit. He was to report on his findings to the 60-nation International Confederation of Free Trade Unions, of which he is a Vice-President.—Reuter.

Biggest Library For Tokyo

Tokyo, Sept. 26. The biggest library in the Orient, with 10 million volumes and 3,000 seats for readers, is now being planned for the Japanese Diet.

The estimated cost of the library, which will take at least 15 years to complete, is 10,000 million yen (£10,000,000).

The new building, which is to be erected on a site adjoining the Diet building, will have five floors above the ground and three below. It will cover an area of 270,000 square feet.—Reuter.

Three hundred delegates heard Sir Richard Acland, British Labour Member of Parliament, say that the "great new fact of our time" was that the world had become one neighbourhood.

Fifteen wealthy countries inhabiting one-sixth of the earth enjoyed two-thirds of its income, he said. Fifteen underdeveloped countries, with half the world's population, were living on one-twelfth of its income.

The campaign against want must be a world co-operative movement in which underdeveloped countries must take their part beside the more prosperous, he added.

Sir Richard moved a resolution reading, "In the opinion of this conference the urgent positive task of mankind is to make a considered world effort to raise the quality of living of all people in underdeveloped countries in order to eliminate illiteracy, hunger, malnutrition and preventable disease from their lives."

"It therefore calls upon the governments of the Powers to confer as a matter of urgency with a view to establishing a world development authority to undertake this task."

WORLD BUDGET

The Charter is expected to be completed by Thursday. Copies will then be sent to all Members of Parliament in all the countries of the world for signing.

Mr Dean Andrews (United States) was chairman of today's session, which opened with a speech by Dr A. Fleisman, Director of the Royal Dutch Airlines, who proposed the creation of an international budget to which all countries should contribute.

Dr Fleisman forecast that in 16 years atomic energy would be "working for humanity." He thought all transport aircraft would then be using atom power.

Lord Haden-Guest (Britain) appealed for immediate help to relieve "the appalling conditions of living which still exist in Asia."

Lord Guest declared, "It is no good talking about freedom and democracy if you allow people to struggle for a bare existence from the beginning of life to the end."

DO IT NOW
"We have to rescue these people and make them fit for work."

"In the sub-continent of India, where there are 55,000,000 inhabitants, people are sick so often that they have no time to cultivate the soil," he said.

"The electrical output of India is about the output of the Batavia Power Station in London."

"Let us send them medicines, doctors, machines and seeds. Let us do this now and not wait until we have a world government."

Mr Ahmed E. H. Jaffar, member of the Pakistan Constituent Assembly, said that Pakistan was anxious to make its full contribution towards the creation of a world government.

He said that a world government, to function effectively, must have sufficient authority and the backing of sufficient armed force to ensure the administration of its laws and to prevent and punish violations.

The desirability of world government, he said, was undisputed although its practicability was dubious. The League of Nations failed because it emphasized nationality and sovereignty.—Reuter.

Oil For Yugoslavia

Washington, Sept. 25. The Economic Co-operation Administration announced on Tuesday that Yugoslavia had been authorized to spend \$972,000 under the military defence assistance programme for crude oil and petroleum products.—United Press.

Boy Confesses To Murder

Hamburg, Sept. 25. The police today accused 14-year-old Horst Luebbert, of Salzhau, near here, of battering to death Ilse Fischer, a 40-year-old nurse.

They claimed that he lured the woman into his father's shop while his parents were away and killed her "from sexual motives." He then tried to hang himself, failed and slashed his wrists, the police said.

When the boy's parents arrived home at home later, they called a doctor, who recognized Fraulein Fischer as his sister. The police said that Luebbert confessed to the crime.—Reuter.

NO EASY ATOMIC VICTORY

Washington, Sept. 25. The Defence Secretary, Mr Robert Lovett, today cautioned the nation against believing that the day of easy victory with atomic weapons was here now or would be soon.

Mr Lovett told newsmen that recent optimistic statements about new weapons had given the exaggerated impression that quick, easy and inexpensive security might be now at hand.

However, he added that fortunately there was enough truth in the weapons stories and progress reports on atomic weapons to encourage a very optimistic outlook for improved American weapons.

Mr Lovett made these statements at this first news conference since he succeeded General George Marshall as Defence Secretary. He reported:

"Marked results have been achieved in the past year in the long-range weapons research and development programme. Many future weapons may be dramatically different."

But, meanwhile, he added, the nation must rely upon proved, tested and available weapons.

"A guided missile on the drawing board or at the proving ground cannot win Heartbreak Ridge in Korea tomorrow morning," he said.—United Press.

Plants To Get Health Certificates

Rome, Sept. 26. Plant specialists met here today to work for international measures against disease and pests.

The conference, convened by the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation, will consider such measures as military certificates guaranteeing the health of plants sent from one country to another.

They will also seek to establish a reporting service to issue immediate warning on the outbreak of plant diseases.

Modern transport methods, the F.A.O. explained, have greatly increased the danger of spreading plant pests.

Countries taking part in the conference include Belgium, Britain, Denmark, Egypt, France, Germany, Israel, Italy, the Netherlands, Switzerland and the United States.—Reuter.

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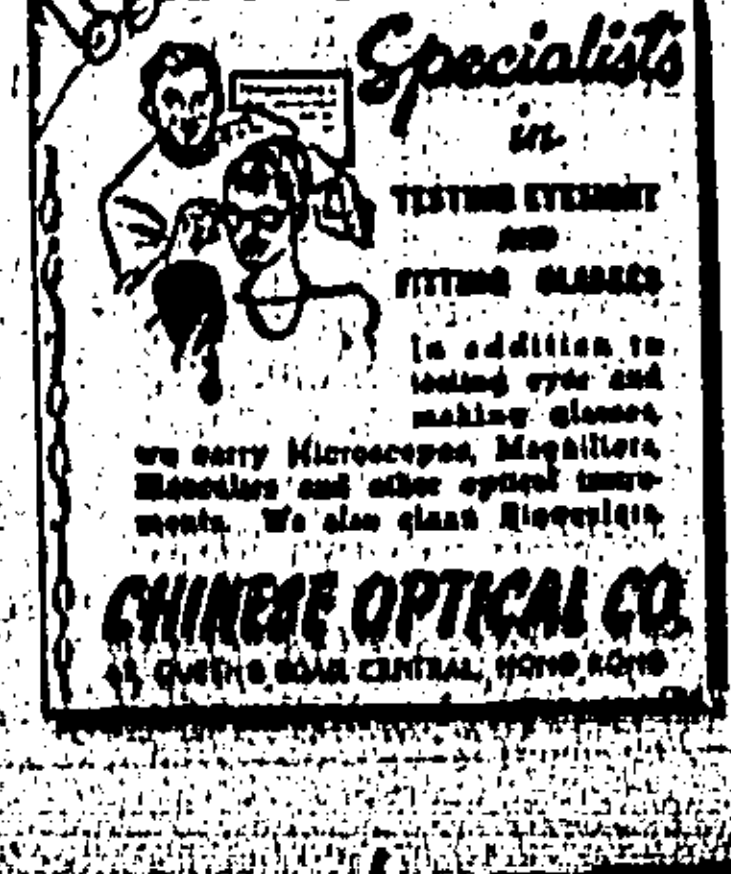
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May Be Decisive Area

Hartford, Sept. 25. Mr. Chester Bowles, President Truman's nominee as United States Ambassador to India, said here that he was going to the Far East with the knowledge that the peace of the world can readily be decided there in the next 18 months.

The former Governor of Connecticut said in a speech last night that Soviet Russia was seeking to exploit the "ind record" of the days when India was a colonial possession.

"If it succeeds," he said, "the whole free world will be crumbling down upon our ears."

Mr. Bowles hoped he would be able to contribute to a greater understanding between the United States and India.

He addressed more than 500 guests at a "Don Voyage" dinner given for him and Mrs. Bowles by the Connecticut Democratic Organization.

Senator William Benton (Democrat, Connecticut) predicted that Mr. Bowles' nomination as Ambassador would be confirmed by the Senate this week although some Republicans on the Foreign Affairs Committee had questioned his qualifications.

"No single man will be asked to come forward to testify against Chet Bowles," said Mr. Benton.

"They have not been able to find an angle to grab hold of against Bowles. If they could find one they certainly would have been there with it," Reuter.

NARROW VOTE

Washington, Sept. 25. The Senate Foreign Relations Sub-committee voted 5-2 today to approve the nomination of Mr. Chester Bowles to be Ambassador to India.

The sub-committee also voted to begin open hearings on Thursday on the nomination of Ambassador at large Philip Jessup to be member of the delegation to the General Assembly.

The first witness at the Jessup hearings will be Senator Joseph McCarthy who has accused Dr. Jessup of having an "affinity" for Communist causes.

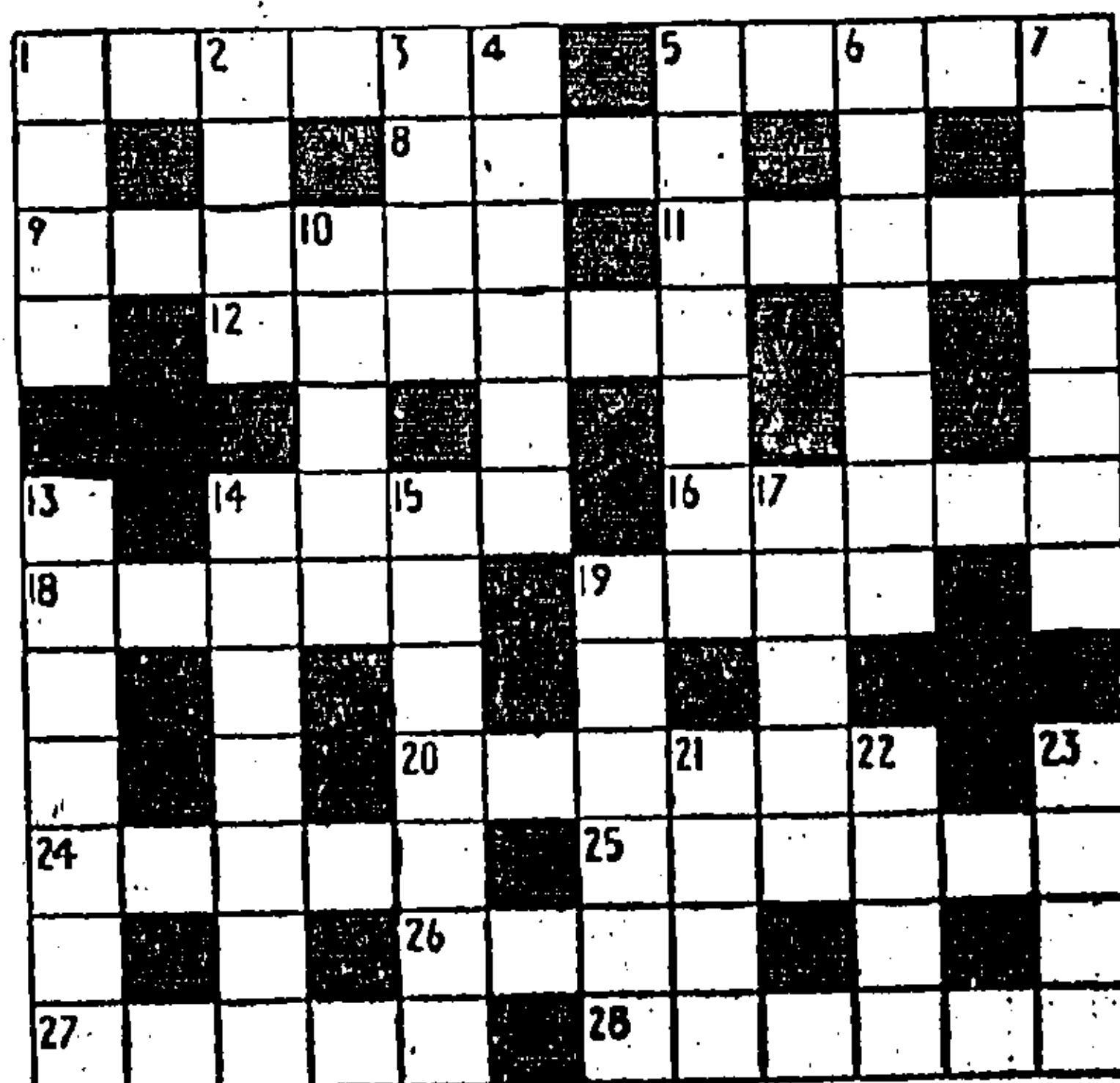
Sub-committee Chairman J. Sparkman said that Republican Senators Alexander Smith and Owen Brewster voted against confirming Mr. Bowles, former Democratic Governor of Connecticut.—United Press.

Tails Tell The Tale

Ambala, Sept. 25. The Punjab Government is offering two rupees for each monkey's tail produced before a magistrate's court as evidence that the animal has been killed.

This is part of the State Government's drive to destroy the wild animals that have been damaging crops. Last year more than 27,000 monkeys and 5,000 jackals were destroyed in this district.—Reuter.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS
1 Hesitate (6).
5 Drive (5).
8 Curb (4).
9 Summary (6).
11 Inclines (6).
12 Old and feeble (6).
14 Throw (4).
16 Kick (5).
19 Intend (4).
20 Gallup (6).
24 Creak (5).
25 Incur (6).
26 Outer evening (4).
27 Follow (5).
28 Properly (6).

DOWN
1 Dandies (4).
2 Falsely (4).
3 Ireland (4).
4 Oppose (6).
5 Blind (7).
7 Lilies (7).
10 Tree (5).
13 Impulse (7).
14 Strongholds (7).
15 Chess (7).
17 Bel (5).
18 Nautical (6).
21 Flasher (4).
22 Root (4).
23 Tool (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD: Across: 1. Mind, 4. Spore, 8. Strand, 10. Ornate, 12. Terror, 14. Console, 17. Belt, 19. Illusion, 20. Reserve, 22. Once, 23. Eastern, 27. Avers, 29. Shred, 30. Enlist, 31. Detained, 32. Speed, Down: 1. Muse, 2. Moran, 3. Canto, 5. Scour, 6. Hoaxed, 7. Electra, 8. Driver, 11. Robust, 13. Reliance, 16. Over, 19. Sleeve, 18. Leer, 20. Roused, 21. Search, 24. Rems, 25. Exile, 26. Nod, 28. Begs.

"Miracle Man" Recovers

Sydney, Sept. 25. A former soldier who, in 1943, was bayoneted eight times by Japanese and left for dead, has amazed doctors here as a "miracle man" by recovering from an accident in which he lost both his legs. He is William Cook, a train examiner. He lost his legs when a train ran over him. Cook's first escape from death came when Japanese forces captured him, together with 24 other men, at Rabaul. The men were tied to trees, bayoneted and left for dead. Cook, with eight bayonet wounds in his body, was found the next day, still alive.

One of the bayonet stabs went through his ear and came out of his mouth.—Reuter.

GERMAN LEADER'S OPTIMISM

Bonn, Sept. 25. The West German Chancellor, Dr. Konrad Adenauer, today told his Cabinet that the Allied and German views on the Washington decisions of the "Big Three" Foreign Ministers were "rather close together."

Reporting on his talks yesterday with the three Western High Commissioners, who told him in detail of the Washington decisions, Dr. Adenauer said, "There is enough room in the framework of the agreements to consider German requests."

The Cabinet agreed with the Chancellor that West Germany would not negotiate with the Allies just for greater rights, a Government spokesman told correspondents after the meeting.

She would seek for integration into the Western world as a partner who, with equal rights and equal duties supports the cause of peace, Dr. Adenauer said.

Today was the second anniversary of the first West German Cabinet meeting.

The spokesman said that the Chancellor was extremely pleased by the friendly gesture of the Allied High Commissioners to negotiate in one of their residences instead of in the High Commission headquarters.—Reuter.

Sadler's Wells Tour Of U.S.

London, Sept. 25. The Sadler's Wells Ballet Company left London today with more than a thousand costumes and 30 tons of equipment for a six months' coast-to-coast tour of the United States and Canada.

The company, consisting of more than 60 dancers, is taking a repertoire of 16 ballets, including a full length production of Coppelia and a new arrangement of Casse Noisette.

The tour starts at Quebec on October 5 and will cover about 80 cities before ending at New York.—Reuter.

Allies Hold Joint Land And Air Exercises



"Counterthrust," the joint land and air exercise in the British zone of Germany, is now entering its final phases. British, American, French, Netherlands, Belgian, Norwegian and Danish troops and planes are taking part. Here a mixed group of Allied soldiers discusses a new Danish machine-gun.

Battle Of Skirmishes Being Won By French

Hanoi, Sept. 25.

French patrols, daily sweeping water-logged rice-fields and laying ambushes, are winning the unspectacular battle of countless skirmishes with Indo-China's Communist-led Vietminh guerillas on the Tonkin Delta.

Official estimates given by French Union Army Headquarters say that 18,000 guerillas have been killed, wounded or captured since last December, representing roughly half of the peak strength of the force which infiltrated into the rich, French-held rice-fields near where the big Red River empties into the Gulf of Tonkin.

Demand For Return Of Children

Belgrade, Sept. 25. Yugoslavia has again asked Russia for the return of 63 Yugoslav children, it was announced here today.

The children have been in Russia since 1945 and were originally sent there for schooling. It was stated.

Yugoslavia had previously asked for their return.

The Yugoslav request was made in a note handed to the Soviet Foreign Ministry by the Embassy in Moscow.

The note said that in detaining the children, contrary to their parents' express demand, the Soviet Government was "trampling on basic rights."

"The Soviet action is in contradiction with the basic principles of humanity, respected in all cultured countries," it expressed in Article 26, Item 3, of the Universal Declaration of the United Nations on Human Rights," the note said.

It went on, "The children have become the subject of the crime of genocide under Article 2 of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the crime of genocide adopted on December 9, 1948, by the United Nations General Assembly."

Yugoslavia demanded that her Embassy should be informed of the date and manner of the children's repatriation to Yugoslavia.—Reuter.

British Case Opened

The Hague, Sept. 25.

Large-scale maps of the Norwegian coast forced 12 black-robed judges of the International Court of Justice here today when Britain opened her case in her 30-year-old dispute with Norway over fishing rights.

Sir Frank Soskice, British Attorney-General, described the issue as one of "the very great importance to the world, generally as precedent."

Britain's case, submitted to the Court exactly two years ago, is that the safe lines from which the territorial limit of Norway's exclusive fishing grounds are fixed should lie on the line of low watermark along the entire Norwegian coast.

She has agreed that there should be special provisions for bays and islands and has accepted Norway's claim for a four-mile limit for the coast line instead of the normal three miles.—Reuter.

While French Army communiques usually dismiss the anti-guerilla campaign with such reports as "Our patrols were today active throughout the whole of our territory," in the intelligence bureaux of the French Army, the work of the patrols is regarded as a vital part of the task of holding back the Communist tide in South-East Asia.

In the high, forbidding mountains of Northern Tonkin, which separate the French-held delta from China's southern frontiers, the rebels lack the human and material resources to conduct their five-year-all-out war without their guerillas.

French intelligence reports say that the first task of the trouble-some guerilla force has been to collect food supplies, secure available manufactured goods, steal tons of essential salt, and recruit reinforcements.

Secondary tasks are to attempt to organize politically, harass the French Union Army and prevent the 6,000,000 population from supporting their defenders.

Lurking waist-deep in the muddy waters of the countless rice-fields, hiding in humid swamps or waiting for night-fall in thousands of villages in the jungle, the guerillas are organized in three categories:

REGULAR UNITS

1.—The most important are the regular units of Dr. Ho Chi Minh's Vietminh forces. Their hide-outs in the three richest and most densely populated Tonkin provinces of Hungyen, Haiduong and Thabinh have been specially selected in easily defended terrain.

Only when they are desperately pressed do they ever join battle with the French. But at night these crack rebel troops assume the role of local guerrillas, terrorising the population and seizing what they want—from food to young men.

One-third of the Tonkin population live in the three provinces where these units operate.

2.—Vietminh regional forces, organized in battalions or companies, which concentrate, according to the French Army, on the "more yielding" districts.

TRAIN-WRECKERS

These forces conduct their own operations against French posts and supply lines and try to bolster Vietminh prestige and engage in political and other Vietminh propaganda campaigns.

On occasions they blow up bridges or wreck trains in moves co-ordinated with attacks launched against the French.

They do not belong to army units. Their work is to throw grenades, lay mines, shoot at passing cars, cut telegraph lines or anything else they can think of.—Reuter.

Port Led To Arrest

Oviedo, Sept. 25. A man entered a confectionery shop here, ate a dozen cakes, drank four large glasses of port wine and held up the assistant with a gun, taking £3. Less than an hour later the Police found him asleep on a park bench and arrested him.—Reuter.

BOWLER AS A REMINDER

With the RAAF in Korea. A shiny black bowler hat has arrived at a forward air base in Korea all the way from the Theatre Royal in Sydney.

It is a present to the pilots of the No. 77 Squadron from the theatre's wardrobe mistress, Mrs. Scully.

It has been installed in a position of honour in the pilots' club at this forward base as a constant reminder that there are gentlemen where bowlers, hats, three-piece suits and collars and ties are in common use.

Australian pilots, by a new rule of the club, will be obliged to wear the hat in the club the night before they leave Korea for home.—Reuter.

De Lattre Sees Trygve Lie

United Nations, Sept. 25. General Jean de Lattre de Tassigny, High Commissioner and Commander-in-Chief in Indochina, called on the UN Secretary-General, Mr. Trygve Lie, today at United Nations Headquarters here today.

His visit to the Secretary was a courtesy call but he was understood to have discussed the war against the Indo-Chinese Reds with the Secretary.

Mr. Halvard Lange, Norwegian Foreign Minister, also visited Mr. Lie today. The two Norwegian diplomats were welcomed together for half hour but the nature of their conversation was not disclosed.—United Press.

"Dry" Organisations To Have A New Try

Washington, Sept. 25. Temperance organisations which oppose the traffic in alcoholic beverages claim that there is a growing "dry" sentiment in many parts of the United States.

These groups are planning to make their influence felt in the 1952 national political campaigns.

The major effort, outside the small prohibition party, will be made through regular Republican and Democratic parties, and usually through State and Municipal elections.

But the "drys" are also studying the political records of presidential aspirants and congressmen with the intention of throwing support to personalities who might help their cause in greater or less degree.

Some of the "dry" leaders are favourably impressed by Douglas MacArthur's speeches in which he attempted to encourage a better moral climate in the United States. Others look with more than casual friendliness toward General Dwight Eisenhower.

Temperance organization publicists have given nationwide distribution to remarks made by General Eisenhower before the preparedness sub-committee of the committee on armed forces and armaments.

ISRAELI OFFER WELCOMED

Paris, Sept. 25. The five-point proposals of the United Nations Palestine Conciliation Commission and the Israeli offer of a non-aggression pact with the Arab countries were today welcomed by the conservative Le Monde as efforts to restore peace in the Middle East.

"The Arab League meets in five days' time," the paper wrote. "It will be difficult for it not to examine the precise offer of a non-aggression pact."

The thesis of the Arabs in refusing a liquidation of the Palestine problem comes down essentially to two points. Nothing, they say, can be settled as long as insecurity exists on the Arab-Jewish borders and as long as the fate of the Arab refugees has not been settled.

Israel proposes practically to put an end to the first point. On the second, the Arabs ask the Jewish authorities to accept the return of a large or smaller number of refugees. But how can any Government be asked to open its territory to any group if those who want to enter, or the champions who defend their cause, affect to ignore the most elementary condition for such a return—the recognition of the State and its laws?

"The balance sheet on the 15 day of the Conciliation Commission's session is not encouraging, but the initiative taken by its members is praiseworthy. It is becoming urgent to re-establish peace and tranquillity in the Near East. If a settlement is possible, it was necessary to undertake this work, if only to introduce a new element of goodwill into so complex a problem."—Reuter.

Unique Set Of Sacred Books

Copenhagen, Sept. 25. The Royal Danish Library has received eight cases of books which are described as the most curious and valuable it has had for years.

The cases contain a complete set of the "Lamamas" of the sacred books of Tibet. Only one other set is believed to have been taken out of Tibet, and this is owned by Harvard University.

The head of the Royal Library's collection of Oriental manuscripts told Reuter that this valuable set of sacred books was found in Lhasa by the Danish Prince Peter while on his way to join the Danish-Central Asiatic Expedition.

The set had been ordered by a rich Tibetan who had had to escape to India when the Communists entered the country. After protracted negotiations, Prince Peter succeeded in buying the books for the Royal Danish Library for what could be described as a token payment.

Prince Peter brought the manuscripts in his car to Northern India, whence they were taken by aeroplane to Calcutta, and thence shipped to Copenhagen.

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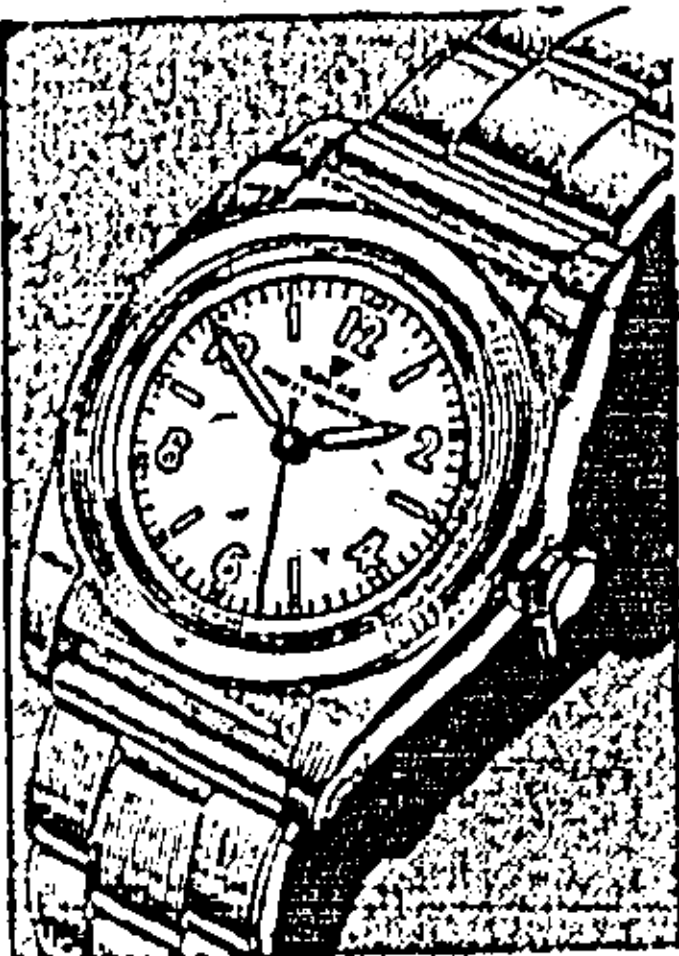
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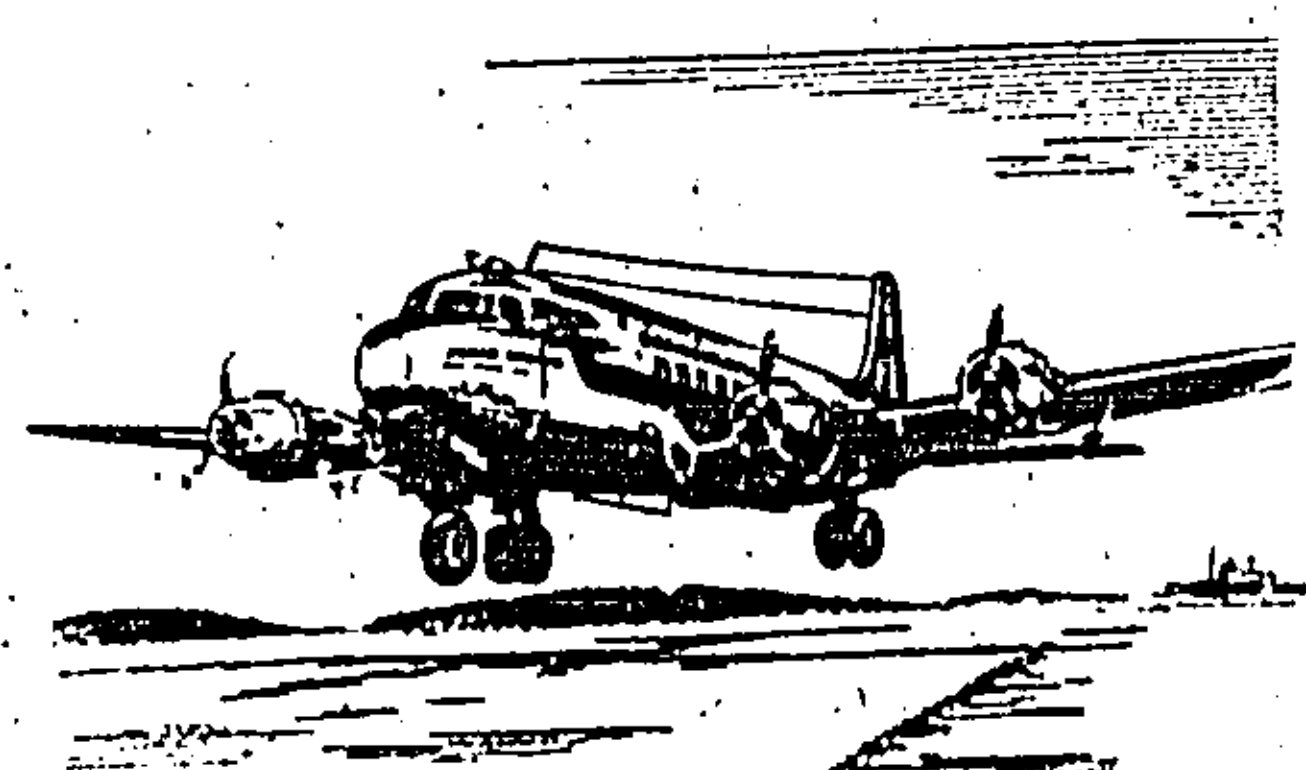
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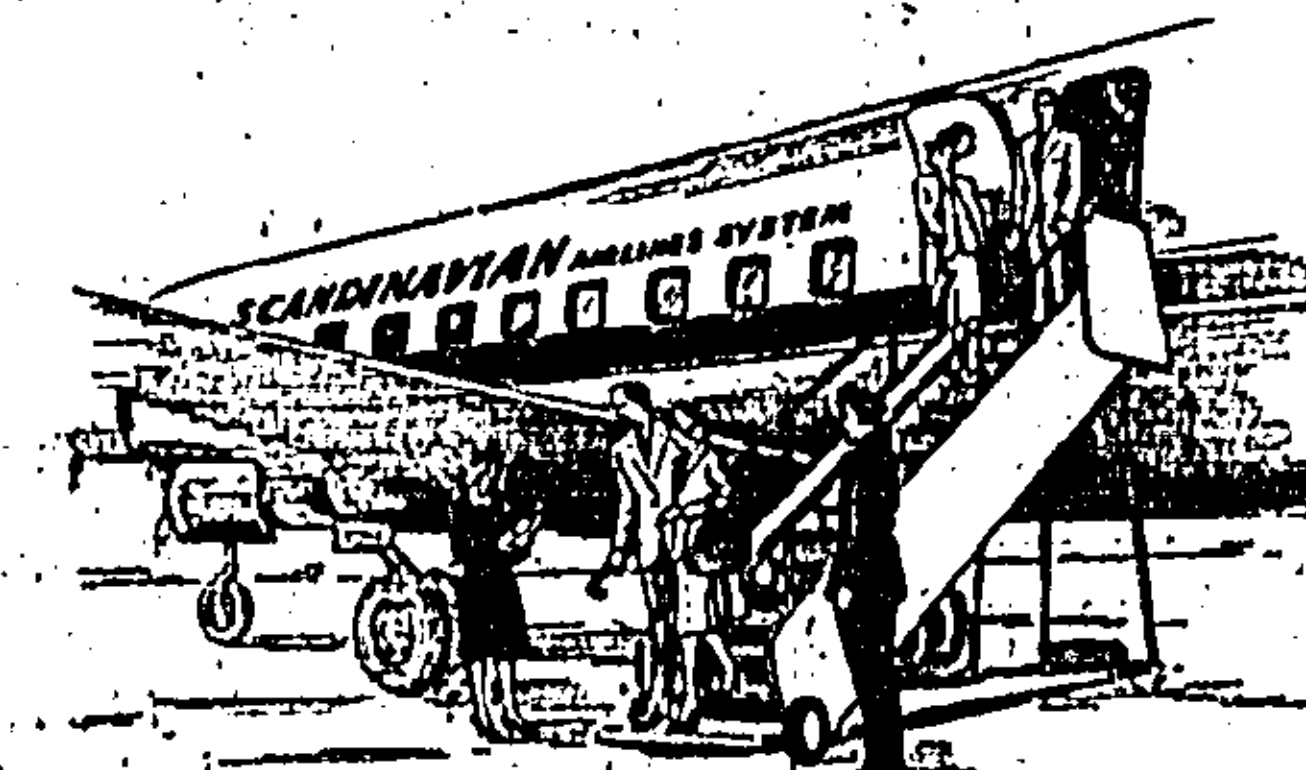
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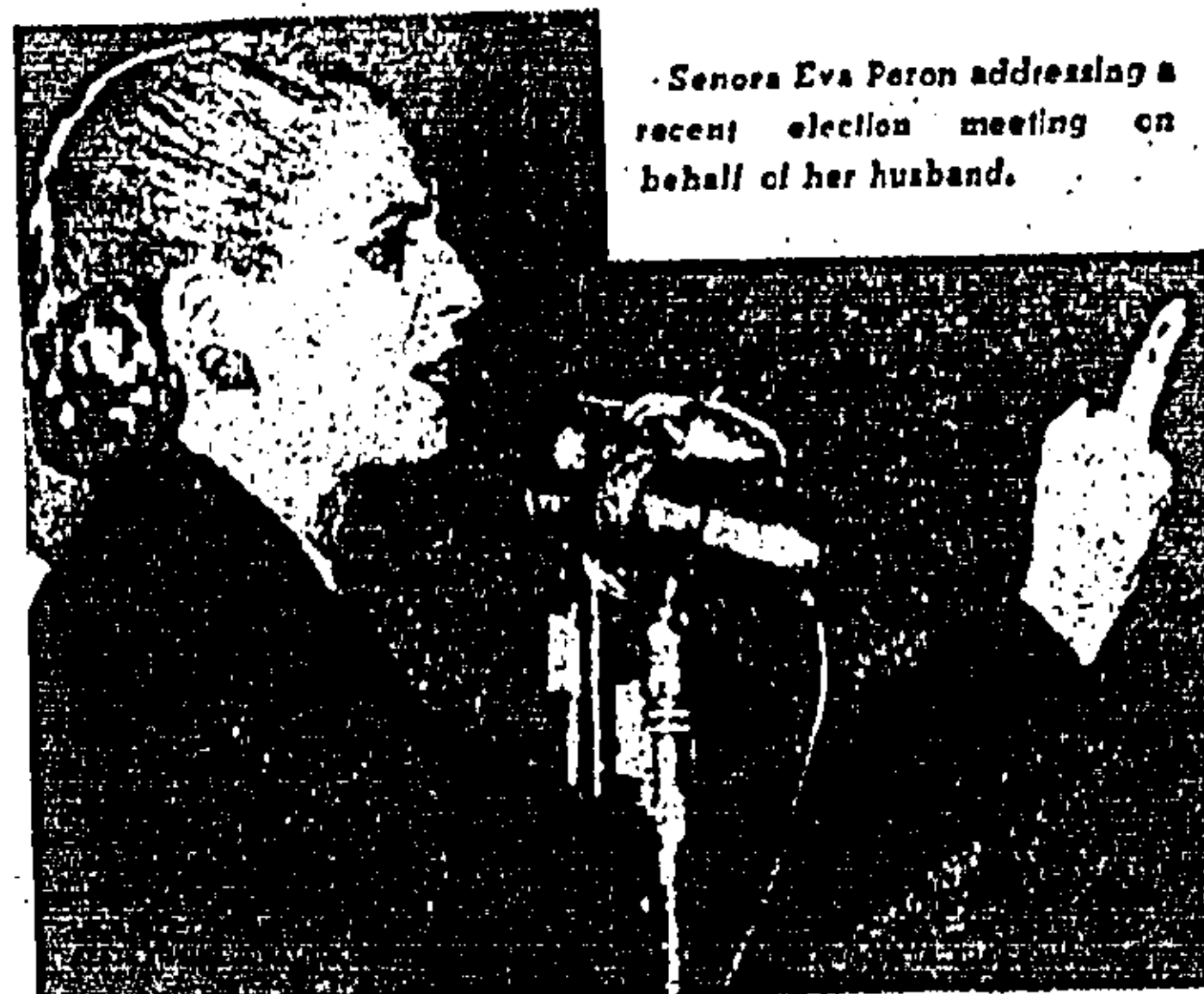


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The Fascinating Destiny of Eva Peron

THE MOST POWERFUL WOMAN in the WORLD



Poised at the apex of her dazzling career stands Senora Peron, wife of the dictator of the Argentine. Here is the first part of a three-day candid history of a woman who has beauty, brains and boundless ambition.

By **COLIN FRAME**

WHEN, a few days ago, Senora Maria Evita (Eva) Duarte de Peron announced that she would not, after all, stand for the vice-presidency of the Argentine Republic, she did it with all the humility of the little woman who would find the crown too weighty to bear. "It is the most beautiful lesson ever taught. Her moral purity places her above the honour," commented her newspaper *Democracia*. But in fact the Senora was announcing her first political defeat in a career as rapid as it has been adventurous.

The Army have always been the Argentine's king-makers. It was with their connivance that General Peron was swept to power by the workers six years ago.

Too much

BUT the prospect of a woman becoming their commander-in-chief, which Senora Peron's vice-presidency would have meant if her husband fell ill or left the country, was more than the Army could stomach.

The workers, the Peronista party the Perons built up, the women whom the Senora has enfranchised recently all roared "Eva for Vice-President." But the Army said "No"—and they have won. It is typical of the glamorous hold Eva Peron has on the masses that her newspaper can portray her refusal as "the highest example of nobility, unselfishness and patriotism."

She still holds more power than any other woman in the world today—handsome, courageous, capricious, energetic, as efficient as a machine, as emotional as any girl.

An amusing sidelight on all this arises from the Senora's typical feminism—she is touchy about her age. "She is 27 to her enemies; 24 to her friends," the *Argentinian* said when she first went to their White House.

After much research various American biographers have placed her birth-date as May 7, 1919, which would make her 32. But the information Bureau which she controls gives her present age as 29 and points out that she is too young to stand as vice-president for which the minimum age is 30. Mussolini's wife was a d'm background figure kept in kitchen and nursery. Hitler's Eva Braun was a stupid play-girl. One seldom hears of Mrs. Franco.

Most powerful

BUT the wife of Juan Domingo Peron, dictator of the Argentine, shares his throne and his limelight, his ideas, his ambitions—and his destiny. There is the most powerful husband-and-wife team since the Caesars ruled an empire.

Two more factors star her career as unique. Argentina is akin to Spain in her anti-feminism. A woman's place is in the home. The young Argentine girl is still taught that. She is closely chaperoned. She is taught not to bother her pretty head about politics.

Yet here at the head of affairs of State with a delicate, shapely finger pulling the political strings, is a woman.

And Argentina, for generations, has been ruled by either wealthy landowners or a caste-ridden Army or both. Change of government has frequently occurred by violence.

Yet the Senora's background is that of a poor village girl of the dreary, ignorant pampas. She is a modern history's supreme example of "Local girl makes good."

For all the artfulness by which she has won power and boys of the pampas—were the

continues to hold it, she is a mass of delightfully feminine contradictions.

She demonstrates the sort of cool, administrative brain shown by Dr Edith Summerskill, yet she can harangue the mob with all the oratorical fire and fervour people recall in Ellen Wilkinson.

She calls the crowd "my shirtless ones," yet stands before them in the latest Dior gown dripping with jewellery.

She can behave with cunning, cruelty towards her enemies, but her tears flow unchecked sometimes as she hears a tale of poverty from one of her supporters.

Her actions today, psychiatrists tell us, are the picturesque result of her circumstances as a girl.

A visiting politician got nearer the truth than he knew when, after seeing one of the children's villages she had built for orphans, he said: "It is the work of a little girl who never had a doll's house of her own."

Youngest

THERE was no doll's house in the house in Los Toldos where, on May 7, 1919, Eva Peron was born.

It was a house of mud bricks and timber, roofed with corrugated iron, just one of a number which flanked the single street which made up the village.

Chickens strutted the kitchen in summer dust swirled from the roadway and settled on the rough furniture. In winter there was mud everywhere.

And throughout the year Eva's father, Juan Duarte, either worked on his smallholding or hired himself out as a peon, a labourer.

Her mother, a coachman's daughter, was a handsome, jolly woman. They had one son and four daughters of whom Eva was the youngest.

But even in a mean village like Los Toldos, not in the endless cattle-raising plain, the caste system persisted. "We were not allowed to play with the Duarte girls. Our parents would not allow it," one of Eva's contemporaries recalls.

Was it a snub like this that set the feet of the bright-eyed, spirited Eva on the path that was to lead to unprecedented power?

Battle cry

OR was it the sight of the hacienda—with its cool courtyard and magnificent rooms where there always seemed to be music and dancing?

The owner of the hacienda must have seemed a great man to the small girl. He owned great herds of cattle. He hired great herds of gauchos who rode daily through the gauchos, spurs strapped to their bare feet.

These gauchos—the cow-boys of the pampas—were the

first "shirtless ones" she ever knew. All wore a poncho—a blanket with a hole in it through which went the head—but only the better off wore a shirt beneath the blanket.

The poorer wore "Los Des-camados"—the slang name for a term upon which twenty years later she was to seize to coin a triumphant political battle-cry.

Other worlds

THERE can be no doubt that those days of poverty and dreariness at Los Toldos, a drab island in a rolling ocean of grass, spurred the lively little girl with golden plaits and great dark eyes to search the horizon for adventure and escape.

On bright days, far to the west of the village, she could see great, snow-capped mountains. And to the east, she learnt, lay a great and splendid city—Buenos Aires.

It was clear there were other worlds to conquer.

Meanwhile, her father died, and the family was poorer than ever. Eventually her mother left the village and took her young family to Junin, a small town where she managed a boarding house.

There, between running errands, fetching and carrying, dusting and scrubbing, little Eva went to school. All she learnt spurred her ambition further.

She is remembered as a moody child, gay on occasions, often secretive and morose, but always her huge eyes seemed to be searching, analysing, summing-up. (She was quick to learn but—impatient of school and home life.)

Things got better for the Duarte family. Two of her older sisters married. Her brother Juan had a good job. The boarding house was a success.

At fifteen

BUT at fifteen, Eva had had enough. Unknown, with nothing but good looks and a keen intellect in her purse, she set off for Buenos Aires to seek fame and fortune.

She turned her back on the pampas. She shook its eternal dust from her feet. No political career was ever so loudly begun.

Fifteen years later she returned—and her shirtless ones knelt in the dust before her, spelling her name in flowers upon which she could tread.

Eva Peron's schoolgirl idea was to be an actress. And like many another would-be actress she found that the way to stardom is paved with refusals and disappointments.

TOMORROW

Eva's small parts in films—then radio fame. An earthquake brings Eva and Colonel Peron together. She helps him to snail. Their secret romance and struggle to supreme power in the state.

"HOLY BOYS" ON THEIR WAY TO KOREA

By **PETER LOVEGROVE**

AFTER only six months' home service, the First Battalion, Royal Norfolk Regiment, is once again heading for one of the world's most troubled spots. The battalion, which had been in Germany since 1945, is now on its way to join the 1st Commonwealth Division in Korea. It is travelling in the troopship *Empire Orwell*, which is due in Hong-kong today.

In command is 44-year-old Lt-Col. J.H.R. Orlebar, who has had practically all his service with the Royal Norfolk. He was commissioned into the Regiment at the age of 19 and commanded the Second Battalion prior to its disbandment. He has also been seconded to the Sudan Defence Force, and it was there that he gained the knowledge of Arabic which enabled him to become such a successful Military Attaché in Baghdad. His cousin, the late Air Commodore A.H. Orlebar, was the famous Schneider Trophy pilot, who led the British team which won the contest in 1929 and 1931.

Globe-trotting

Few regiments of the British Army can claim to have done more globe-trotting, or to have taken part in more fighting than the Royal Norfolk.

Since they were raised by James II as the 9th of Foot under the pretext of suppressing Monmouth's rebellion in 1685, their famous Britannia badge—awarded by Queen Anne for the gallantry they displayed at the battle of Almanza during the War of Spanish Succession in 1707—has been seen on the heights near Roldán, on the rugged rocks of Butaco, at the passage of the Nile, on the banks of the Sudd, at the siege of Belle Isle, in the conquest of Havana, on the Canadian Great Lakes, with General Burgoyne at Saratoga, with Moore at Wellington in Portugal, at the storming of the Afghan fortress of Isafail, in the bitter African veldt, the Flanders and the Platte, at Gallipoli and Mesopotamia, at St. Valéry, Singapore and Kohima, and from Normandy to Bremen.

Battle honour

The Norfolks have also taken part in occupations of Minorca (1716), Paris (1815), Kabul (1842), the Ionian Isles (1858), and Yokohama (1860), and a machine-gun section went on a mission to Tibet in 1903.

The battle honour they are most proud of is that of Almanza, which is celebrated every April 15. They are immortalised in that famous pen which begins "Net a drum was heard—not a funeral note..." for to them went the sad honour of burying General Sir John Moore, who died at the very moment of victory at Corunna in 1809.

The Norfolks had been through that desperately hard retreat across Portugal, and were detailed to form the extreme vanguard covering the re-embarkation of the British forces. Their nickname of "Holy Boys" is generally believed to have been coined when the figure of Britannia on their

badge was mistaken by Spaniards for one of the Virgin Mary, and they crossed themselves.

In World War One, 12 battalions of Royal Norfolk were raised, of which eight served abroad—the 1st, 7th, 8th and 9th on the Western Front and in Italy; the 2nd in Mesopotamia; and the 4th, 5th and 12th in Gallipoli, Egypt and Palestine—and 5,570 men of the regiment were killed.

Never failed

In the last war, the First Battalion landed in Normandy early on D-Day and fought its way over a thousand casualties to Bremen by the end of hostilities to establish an unrivalled reputation for magnificent teamwork and cheerfulness. Not once did it fail to capture its objective nor did it ever yield an inch of ground, and Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery described it as "second to none" in all his battalions of 21 Army Group.

The other battalions of the regiment had an even more gruelling time. The Second, as part of the 4th Infantry Brigade, 2nd Division, was actually the first battalion of the British Army to land in France in September 1939. It fought on the river Escaut when the Germans invaded the Low Countries, withdrew to the Gort Line, and was eventually overrun at a little French village called, ironically enough, Le Paradis, in the Pas-de-Calais.

The SS troops who surrounded it distinguished themselves by shooting three men as they came forward with white flags to surrender. But worse was to come.

Massacre

The Germans lined up the 99 men, all that remained of the battalion, in the roadway, spat on them, kicked and beat them up with rifle butts before marching them off to a nearby field where a hole in the ground had been roughly dug out and deepened. As the unarmed, defenceless prisoners came alongside the trench, German machine-guns opened up and mowed them down. Those who still moved or made a sound after the firing had ceased were quickly finished off.

Two other ranks, who shamed death but were later recaptured, were able to report the massacre after the war, and their evidence before the War Crimes Court in Hamburg led to a death sentence for the SS Commander concerned.

A new Second Battalion was raised in England, sailed with the 2nd British Division for India, and won great honour at the siege of Kohima in the bloodiest and bitterest battle of the Burma War. A memorial in the form of a big teak cross cut from a huge jungle tree with a base of grey native rock has been erected on the lonely hills around the town of Kohima to commemorate their gallant stand and the 108 men who lost their lives there.

Grim tenacity

After Kohima, the battalion marched across the Indo-Burma border to Tamu, down the Kabaw Valley, and over the treacherous, covering the Chinthein, and Irrawaddy rivers to take part in the fighting in Central Burma which shattered the Japanese Armies.

The 4th, 5th and 6th Battalions were engaged in the Singapore tragedy of February 1942. Many officers and most of the men were then made to work on the notorious "Railway of Death," where they endured incredible hardships, and a large proportion died from tropical diseases, overwork and starvation.

The 7th Battalion—a pioneer unit—was forced to surrender with 51st Highland Division at St. Valéry in June 1940, but was re-formed and went to Normandy as part of 59 Division four years later. It fought with particular gallantry at the crossing of the River Orne, where it had 220 casualties but held its ground, and kept the bridgehead open. Yet another battalion, the 80th, was in French North Africa and Italy.

Symptomatic of the courage, devoted service, and grim tenacity displayed by Royal Norfolk is the fact that the regiment earned no less than five Victoria Crosses, a record for any regiment.





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THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

OCTOBER (8th) RACE MEETING

Saturday 6th & Monday 8th October, 1951

(Held under the Rules of the Hong Kong Jockey Club)

The First Race will be run at 1.30 p.m. and the First Race will be run at 2.00 p.m. on the 1st Day.

On the 2nd Day the first race will be run at 11.30 a.m. and the First Race will be run at 12.00 noon. The time interval is after the Fourth Race (1.30 p.m.) on the 2nd Day.

There are 10 races on the 1st Day and 12 races on the 2nd Day (22 in all).

Through Tickets (at \$44 each) may be obtained at the Comptroller Office of the Club, 1st floor, Telephone House, also tickets for the Special Cash Sweep on the "Kwangtung Handicap" scheduled to be run on 6th October, 1951.

Through tickets reserved for this Meeting but not paid for by 10.00 a.m. on Friday, 5th October, will be sold and the reservation cancelled for future meetings.

THERE WILL BE NO SPECIAL CASH SWEEP ON THE LAST RACE.

To avoid congestion at the Club's Office at Telephone House, non-members are requested to purchase their sweep tickets at the Club's Branch Offices at—

5, D'Aguiar Street, Hong Kong
or
382, Nathan Road, Kowloon.

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Members and guests are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting ladies not in possession of Brooches or Season tickets and gentlemen, non-members of the Club, to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10.00 per day including tax, for ladies or gentlemen are obtainable through the Secretary at Telephone House, on the written or personal introduction of a member, such member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for payment of all bills, etc.

Only a limited number of badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will be on sale at the RACE COURSE.

The Branch Offices and the Treasurer's Comptroller Office will close at 10.00 a.m. on both days. The Secretary's Office will close at 11.45 a.m. the 1st Day and at 10.00 a.m. the 2nd Day. The Treasurer's Comptroller Office and the Secretary's Office are situated at 1st Floor, Telephone House.

A limited number of tickets will be obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 27018).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

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The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$3.00 each day including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

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SERVANTS' PASSES

Servants' passes will be issued to private box holders only, who are requested to distribute them with discrimination and to endorse their names on the passes. Holders of such passes are not permitted in the Members' Enclosure except for passing through on their duties and must remain in their employer's stands.

Owing to the congestion in the Members' Betting Hall, Box-holders and Members are requested to ensure that their servants make use only of the Public Betting Hall. Military Police will be posted at various entrances to the Members' Hall to ensure that this regulation is adhered to.

By Order,
S. A. SLEAP,
Secretary.

CREAM OF MALAYA'S BADMINTON TALENT LIKELY TO BE SEEN IN ACTION HERE SOON

By "ARGONAUT"

Local sports enthusiasts who have been wondering how good the Malaysians really are at badminton will most probably have the opportunity of seeing the cream of them in action here in October or November.

At long last the Hongkong Badminton Association have gathered sufficient courage to brave the prospect of financial loss by issuing invitations to the Singapore, Penang, Selangor and Perak Badminton Associations in Malaya, to each send their best player to Hongkong for a 10-day series of exhibition matches at the end of October or early November.

Specially mentioned are Wong Peng-soon or Ong Poh-lim from Singapore, Ooi Teik-hock or Law Teik-hock of Penang, Chan Kon-leong or A. Piruz of Selangor and Tan Jin-eong of Perak. An affirmative reply has already been received from Tan Jin-eong.

It is most probable that the players requested will be asked by their respective Badminton Associations to accept Hongkong's invitation, in which case Hongkong will be afforded a grand opportunity of witnessing a preview of the Thomas Cup final, which has been fixed to be played at Singapore in June.

STRONGEST CANDIDATES

Although the Malayan team for the defence of the Thomas Cup has not been chosen and will not be chosen until the eve of the match, the players invited are the strongest candidates to the Malayan team.

Among them, Wong Peng-soon, whose amateur status is uncertain at the moment, Ong Poh-lim, Ooi Teik-hock, Law Teik-hock and Chan Kon-leong were members of the victorious Malayan Thomas Cup team in 1948.

Yeoh Teck-chye, Lim Kee-fong and Teoh Seng-khoon were the other members of the 1948 team, but their non-participation in the last Malayan Championship last August has practically nullified their prospects of being included next year.

Stepping into their places will most likely be the two rising young stars, Abdullah Piruz and Tan Jin-eong. These two young players won the All-India Doubles Championship in 1950, and this year Piruz was partnered by Wong Peng-soon when he retained the title.

Tan, who is a son of a well-known badminton personality of the pre-war days, Tan Zheng Phor, is ranked as one of the best doubles players in Malaya today.

Partnering Lee Fan-leong, he was only beaten in the last Malayan Championships doubles final after three gruelling sets by Chan Kon-leong and Piruz.

GONE A LONG WAY

Ong Poh-lim, who was seen in action here in 1947 together with Wong Peng-soon and Ooi Teik-hock when on their way back from the Chinese Olympic games at Shanghai, has gone a long way since then.

He is the only player today capable of extending the redoubtable Wong. In the All-England Championship final last year, he only narrowly lost to the Champion after winning the first set and leading.

WEEK-END TEAMS

The following are Club selections for cricket and hockey matches this week-end:

CRICKET

The following will represent the Kowloon Cricket Club in League matches against the Royal Navy on Saturday, 29th September, at 2 p.m. at King's Park (at Cox's Road):—

1st XI (at Cox's Road):—W. H. Cowie, C. H. Dwyer, H. Gray, K. Greene, A. Lang, A. T. Lee, S. Ramani, S. Ramchand, H. Wren, D. R. Anderson (Scorer).

2nd XI (at King's Park):—E. C. Pinner, J. Barrow, A. J. Kelly, W. H. Cowie, C. H. Dwyer, H. Gray, K. Greene, A. Lang, A. T. Lee, S. Ramani, S. Ramchand, H. Wren, D. R. Anderson (Scorer).

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14-YEAR-OLD FRENCH TENNIS SENSATION

Paris, Sept. 25.

Jean Noel Grinda, a 14-year-old French lawn tennis "hope" today springing a surprise in the Foras Cup Tournament on the Stade Roland Garros Courts here by defeating the Hungarian Champion, Josef Akbath, by 6-4 and 7-5.

Grinda, who will not be 15 until October 8, is six feet, four and three-quarter inches and weighs 14 stone, 10 pounds. He showed an excellent service and a strong backhand in beating Akbath, who held the French singles title in 1947.—Reuter.

Track & Field Association Meeting

The executive committee of the Hongkong Amateur Track and Field Association met in the War Memorial Building at Southern Playground yesterday and decided that the Annual General Meeting would take place on October 15 instead of on or before March 31 each year.

The reason was because the athletic season is, approximately, between October and May, and it would be more appropriate, therefore, to have the General Meeting at the beginning of the season than half way through it.

It was also decided at the Meeting that the Colony Championships will be held early in April. The Championships will be divided into junior and senior sections. A sub-committee was formed to examine the question of ages of participants in the two categories.

M. F. J. Tingay (Hon. Joint Secretary) informed the Chairman that the British Amateur Athletic Board is still considering the question of the Association's intended affiliation.

The Rev Father R. Maguire was in the chair.

HOME RUGGER

Penance and Newlyn beat Roslyn Park by 10 points to nil in a Rugby Union match this evening.

In the second round of the Yorkshire Cup in the Rugby League, Kelghley beat Halifax by 18 points to 14.—Reuter.

IT'S A WOMAN!



Featured during the race in Moscow this young Estonian woman motor-cyclist, T. Tross, covered 101.2 km in 1 hour 7 mins. 39.0 secs. at an average speed of 22.5 km per hour to win the title of USSR Women's Champion in the 500 cc. class.—Reuter Photo.

TODAY'S SPORT

TENNIS

Ladies Recreation Club Championship commencing 5 p.m.
Kowloon Cricket Club Championship commencing 5 p.m.
Chinese Recreation Club Championship commencing 5.30 p.m.

FOOTBALL

Chinese Community v. Despatch Van Comm. at Club Ground, Happy Valley, 7.45 p.m.

CRICKET

Club of Records at Club Ground, Happy Valley, 7.45 p.m.

MEETINGS

Amateur Athletic Association, Southern Playground, 8 p.m.

Colony Swimming

Kin-man Turns Stylist

By "RECORDER"

Cheong Kin-man, the Colony's free-style swimming sensation, turned stylist yesterday. He arrived for the Colony Championships with a new pair of red and white swimming trunks, raising the comment that "John Bell has a new pair of trousers on", and then disappointed all present by winning the 880 Yards Free Style without setting any new record.

For some unexplained reason, Kin-man is known to other Interporters as John Bell. He encourages this



KIN-MAN

form of address. He had a surprise in store for the fans, though.

That came in the 100 Yards Back Stroke, in which event he spearheaded the field in Lane 4 and finished in 65.4 seconds, clipping three seconds off the old record held by A. V. Lopes. His record-breaking so far had been in the proletarian free style.

Local past-masters in the back stroke seemed slow by comparison. The winning time would have placed Kin-man in the final of the British ASA Championships last year.

STANDING ROOM ONLY

It was in many respects a day of disappointments. Though the gallery was one of the largest in history, standing room was being sold for hard cash.

The other big attraction was having an off-day. Cynthia Eager only clipped the 220 Yards Free Style record by two-fifths of a second, bringing it down to 2 minutes 47.2 seconds—good enough, of course, for the last British ASA final, an accomplishment that is now quite commonplace with our swimmers.

Cynthia was suffering from an ailing tummy and a fan letter. It was the second of her experience. The first one came when she was in Manila last year. A Filipino boy wanted to know what her favourite colour was, what her favourite ice cream was and what her favourite beverage was among some other 50 preferences in a long list.

LEFT TO VANESSA

She wasn't even trying to swim very fast. That was left to her challenger to be. Vanessa Giles, 15, who made up her mind that she was going to reverse the decision in the heats when she had been beaten by a touch by Kwok Ngan-hung.

It was a terrific race all the way with Chan Tsing-mui making a three-cornered fight of it for second place.

The three touched the wall at 200 Yards together, Tsing-mui about a touch behind. It was bad luck for Tsing-mui there. She lost badly on the turn and the fight went out of her. It was heart-breaking enough.

Thus it was a two-way fight to the pole. Vanessa who put up a very unsatisfactory performance yesterday, and just about beat the salt out of the water, had more left for the last stretch.

She won second place by two-fifths of a second in a beautiful water effort. Both

GLIMPSES OF THE BIG FIGHT



Round One — Turpin on the offensive.

"CENTENARY" MATCH AT THE HKCC

Celebrations in connection with the Hongkong Cricket Club Centenary will commence on Saturday, September 29, when a "Centenary" lawn bowls match between members of the Hongkong Cricket Club and Visitors will take place at Chater Road, commencing 3 p.m.

The following are the teams for this match:

HKCC

Rank 1—G. H. Volckart, A. Graham, H. S. Capell, F. Goodwin, Rank 2—D. Phillips, J. M. S. Lloyd, B. W. Arnold, A. W. Brown, Rank 3—G. W. Sewell, R. E. Read, P. S. Cassidy, R. Johnston, Rank 4—K. Baker, A. J. Weir, L. Lunn, Rank 5—R. Mitchell, Rank 6—G. Gutter, A. S. Mitchell, A. Roberts, L. G. Young, Rank 7—T. C. Farburn, A. M. Dixon, Rank 8—F. D. Angus, Rank 9—D. W. Coxall, R. E. Wall, Rank 10—A. Marshall.

Visitors

Rank 1—F. G. de la Luz, H. A. de la Luz, Rank 2—V. Kruse, E. Paulson, D. Nish, J. McCutcheon, Rank 3—G. G. Lee, A. M. Walsh, A. R. Munn, Rank 4—J. H. O'Grady, R. C. Butler, W. B. Brown, J. Reilly, Rank 5—H. C. Baker, A. E. Perkins, Rank 6—J. Duffy, C. E. Terry, G. Perkins, A. Marshall.

and Kwok Ngan-hung ended up two of the fastest 220 Yards swimmers in the history of the Championships with times of 3:01.4 and 3:01.8. Cynthia, at 13, was only capable of 3:01.

BACK IN THE BOOK

Veteran Ng Nin, some of whose long-standing Singapore records have been broken only this year by the Asian Games Champion, Neo Chee-kwok, came back into the record roll yesterday.

Swimming without competition in the 150 Yards Medley, he broke Wilfred Lawrence's record with a 1:45.2 performance.

One of the races of the day was in the women's 50 Yards Breast Stroke. It was a five-way fight at half-distance and at 75 yards the European YMCA hope, Jennifer Hart, suddenly spurted within a foot of Kwok Kan-ngor and Wong Yuk-bing.

PEEK-A-BOO

At that stage Jennifer became more interested in exactly where she lay in the field and this game of peek-a-boo lost her valuable footage.

It is doubtful that she had the strength to get in among the prize-winners, but she looked good enough for third. She finished fourth by a touch.

Kwok Kan-ngor won in 38.6 seconds with Wong Yuk-bing a fifth of a second behind. Wong Kan-ye was third in 42.0 and the others closed up the field in 42.0.

THE RESULTS

Results of yesterday's final: Men's 100 yards free-style: 1. Cheung Kin-man (Fortuna); 2. Wong Kwai-she (CYMCA); 3. Wong Long (Unattached); Time—11 minutes 1/5 seconds.

Women's 50 yards breast-stroke: 1. Kwok Kan-ngor (CYMCA); 2. Wong Yuk-bing (CYMCA); 3. Wong Kan-ye (CYMCA); Time—28-3/5 seconds.

Rehearsal 100 yards backstroke: 1. D. R. Townsend (RCV); 2. Wong Tam-chung (Salem); 3. Alan Ng (Kook-ching (New Method College); Time—50 seconds.

Men's 150 yards individual Medley: 1. Ng Nin (Chung Shing); 2. Cheung Chung-yin (Fortuna); Time—1 minute 45-1/5 seconds. (Record)

Women's 220 yards free-style: 1. Cynthia Eager (VRC); 2. Vanessa Giles (CYMCA); 3. Kwok Ngan-hung (CYMCA); Time—2 minutes 47-1/5 seconds. (Record)

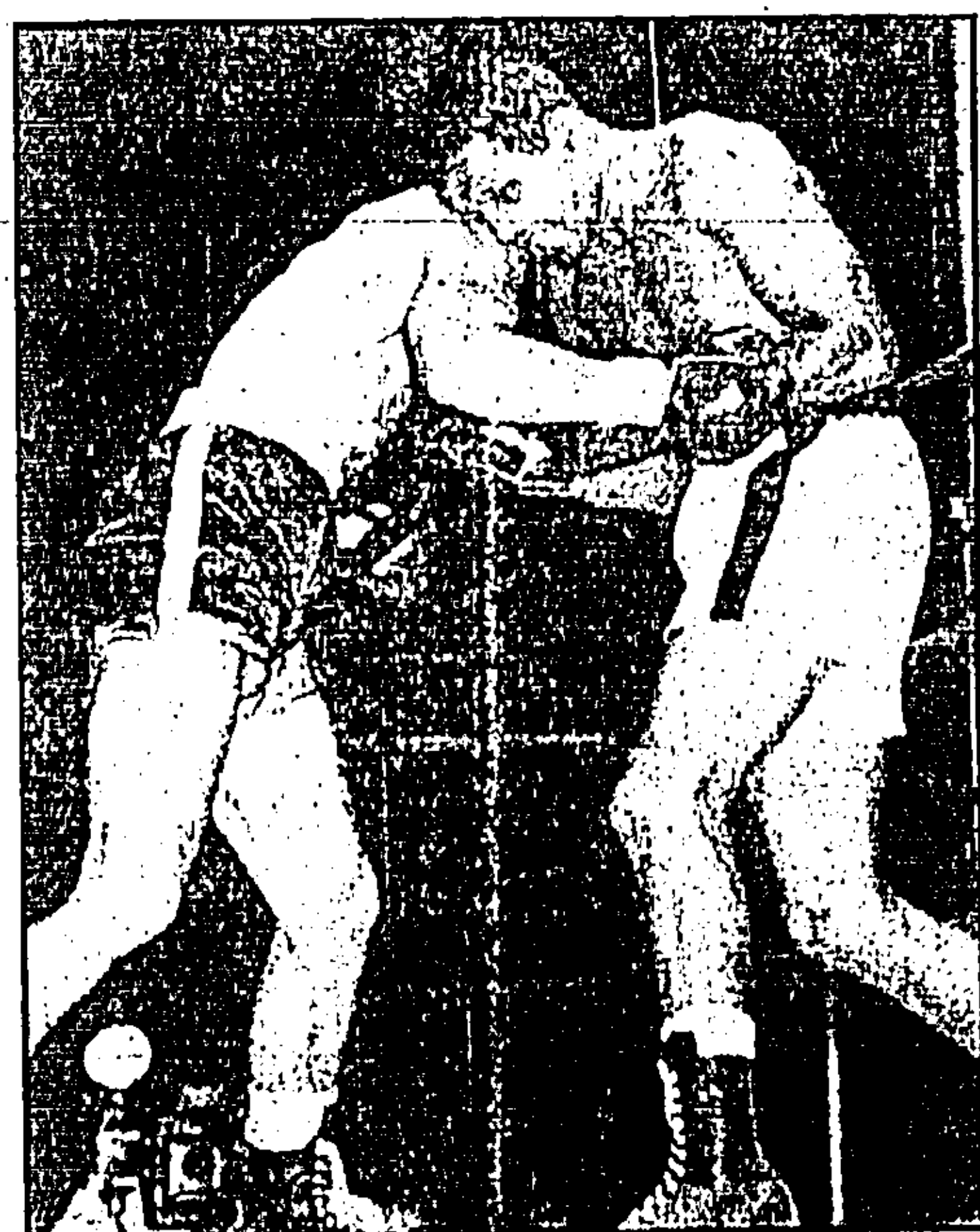
Men's 100 yards backstroke: 1. Cheung Kin-man (Fortuna); 2. Chan Cheuk-wa (Hoi Tin); 3. Chan Kam-shu (CYMCA); Time—1 minute 45-1/5 seconds. (Record)

Women's 50 yards medley relay: 1. Chinese YMCA; 2. Victoria Recreation Club; 3. European YMCA; Time—1 minute 45-1/5 seconds.

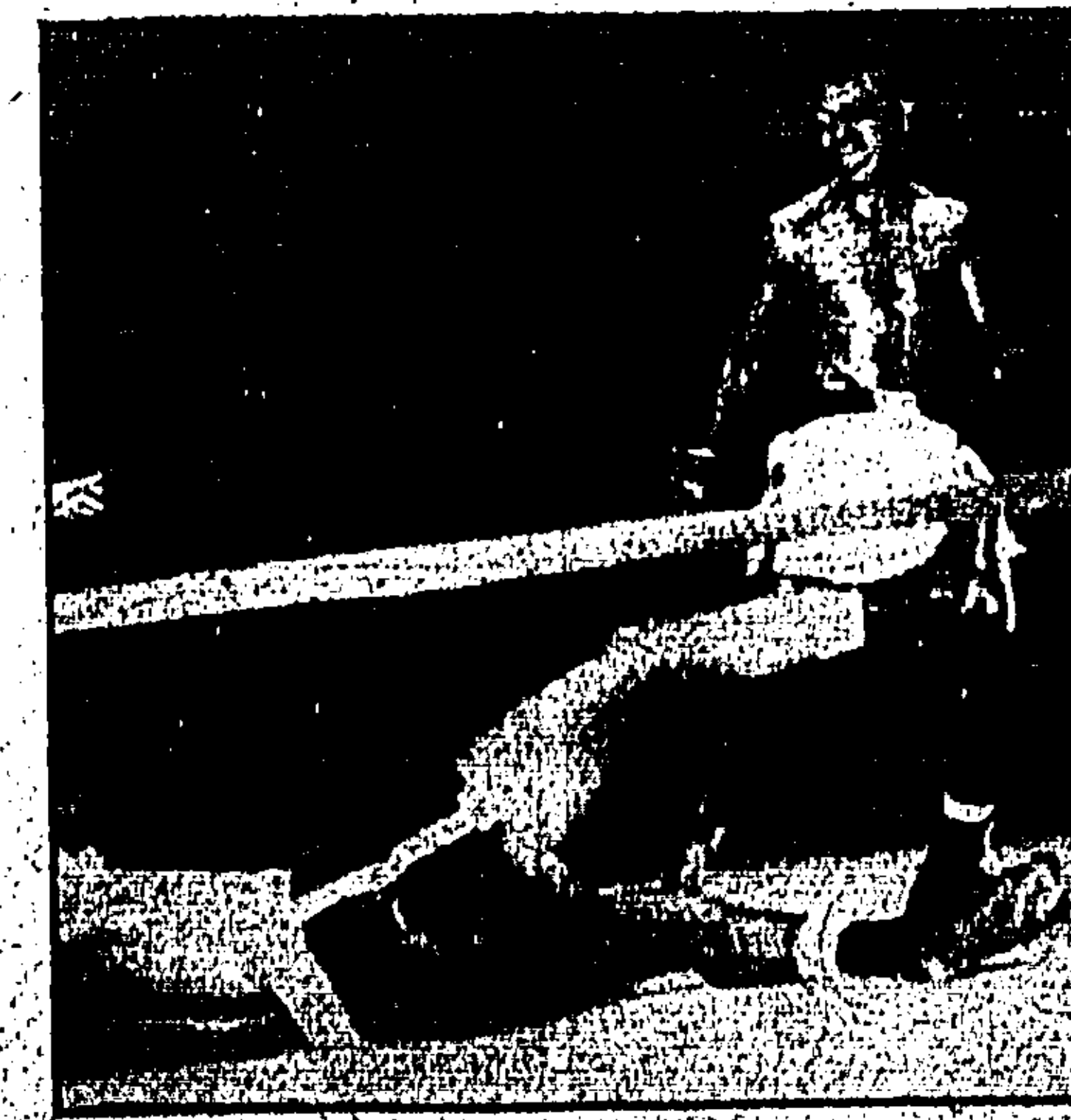
Exhibition Water Polo: Combined Chinese 7; Combined Non-Chinese 1.



Round Six — Turpin on the defensive.



Round Eight — Turpin in a clinch.



Round Ten — Turpin on the mat, Sugar Ray Robinson the winner. — Express Photos.

A SEAT IN THE STALLS

Logan Gourley's SHOW BUSINESS

Mason Is Catching Up On Granger

COMPARE the progress in Hollywood of Britain's ex-leading man—James Mason and Stewart Granger.

Mason left Britain first. He arrived in Hollywood in 1946, with high hopes of prosperity and with few kind words for the British studios which had nurtured him.

He started off badly with two or three indifferent films, including *The Reckless Moment*, and *Caught*.

Granger followed Mason to Hollywood in 1949 and immediately leaped to prominence in *King Solomon's Mines*.

Hollywood, worried about its cohort of ageing stars, welcomed Granger as a "dile recruit" and conscripted him for a long series of important parts.

Well ahead

So, at the moment, 37-year-old Granger is well ahead of four-year-old Mason in Hollywood's success march.

But now, after several setbacks, Mason may begin to overtake. I'm told he has his best Hollywood part to date in *Rommel—Desert Fox*. The film is based on the best-selling book about Rommel, which was serialised in the *Sunday Express*. Mason with close-cropped hair and still military bearing plays the title role.

I must postpone my verdict on the film till the premiere in Britain next month.

Meantime, it is ironic to think that Mason may win personal success from Rommel's story of defeat and death.

Mason, by the way, has become an American citizen, and is installed in a 35-roomed Hollywood mansion.

But Granger, who has so far gained more from Hollywood, has remained British, and is moving from his 14-roomed Hollywood home to a smaller one.

That is also ironic.

Money's worth

PROVINCIAL filmgoers from now on will see the full-length, two-hour, seven-minute version of *The Tales of Hoffmann*.

When the film was generally released a few weeks ago, the distributors British Lion, prepared a short 94-minute version at the request of exhibitors who feared the *Tales* would be too long for average audiences.

The whole of the last sequence, *The Tale of Antonia*, which cost about £50,000 to film, was cut.

But when filmgoers in Manchester and Birmingham saw this short version they complained that they were being cheated.

They complained so vehemently that it was withdrawn. Now the distributors tell me that it will never be shown again.

Pity it was ever shown at all.

Law's an ass

LAST week, I asked here why the Festival film *The Magic Box* had been denied exemption from entertainment tax, although it has been made by a non-profit distributing company.

According to law, it has as much right to exemption as any of the stage productions which have benefited.

A few days ago Sir Michael Balcan, chairman of Festival Films, which made *The Magic Box*, phoned me and said: "We have been given no adequate reason for the fact that exemption has been denied us."

"I think the law has been interpreted unfairly to the disadvantage of the film business. I think the law is an ass. I agreed with Sir Michael.

Praise

I WRITE in praise of Linda Darnell—WHO didn't look round quickly before sitting down in her hotel suite to find out if the light was falling at a flattering angle. Most stars do.

WHO didn't disturb the conversation as we sat facing a large, mirrored wall by glancing frequently at her beautiful image. Most stars cannot resist coy, narcissistic glances if there's a mirror in range.

WHO didn't sound unconvincing when she said: "I'm 27." With her unlined face framed by black hair and large clear brown eyes, she looks no more

HOME SOCCER

London, Sept. 25. Accrington Stanley drew with Halifax Town with two goals each in their Third Division Northern football match today. Halifax Town led at half-time by 1-0.—Reuter.



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"HANYANG"	Tientsin	10 a.m. 28th Sept.
"SHENGKING"	Keelung	5 p.m. 30th Sept.
"SZECHUEN"	Tokyo, Yokohama, Nagoya, Osaka & Kobe	5 p.m. 1st Oct.
"HUNAN"	Tientsin	10 a.m. 6th Oct.
"SHENGKING"	Keelung	5 p.m. 6th Oct.
"PAKHOP"	Dangkok	3 p.m. 10th Oct.
"YOHOW"	Yokohama, Nagoya, Osaka & Kobe	5 p.m. 10th Oct.

ARRIVALS FROM

"SZECHUEN"	Dangkok	28/29th Sept.
"SHENGKING"	Keelung	7 a.m. 29th Sept.
"FOOCHOW"	Djakarta & Bintan	1st Oct.
"SINKHAI"	Sandakan	1st Oct.
"PAKHOP"	Kobe	8th Oct.

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SAILINGS TO

"ANKING"	Nauru Ocean Is. & Sydney	1st Oct.
"TAIYUAN"	Japan	2nd/4th Nov.
"CHANGTIE"	Japan	5th Nov.

ARRIVALS FROM

"ANKING"	Kobe	29th Sept.
"TAIYUAN"	Australia & Manila	23rd Oct.
"CHANGTIE"	Australia & Manila	2nd Nov.

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Scheduled Sailings to Europe via Aden & Port Said

"MYRMIDON"	Dublin & Liverpool	30th Sept.
"FERRIS"	Marseilles, Liverpool & Glasgow	6th Oct.
"CYCLOPS"	Liverpool & Glasgow	7th Oct.
"AUTOLYCUS"	London & Holland	23rd Oct.
"ANTIOCHUS"	Liverpool	25th Oct.

Scheduled Sailings from Europe

S.	Ship	Leaves	Arrives
S.	"ANTIOCHUS"	Sailed	30th Sept.
G.	"CYCLOPS"	do	5th Oct.
S.	"AUTOLYCUS"	do	8th Oct.
G.	"PELUS"	do	16th Oct.
S.	"CLYTONEUS"	21st Sept.	20th Oct.
G.	"ANCHISES"	28th Sept.	2nd Nov.
S.	"ASTYANAX"	4th Oct.	8th Nov.
G.	"PATROCLUS"	13th Oct.	15th Nov.
S.	"ASCANIUS"	21st Oct.	25th Nov.

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"MENESTHEUS"	14th Oct.
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H.K./Salon/Singapore (DC-4)	1:00 p.m. Wed. 6:15 p.m. Thurs.	
H.K./Manila/B.N. Borneo (DC-3)	6:00 a.m. Wed. 4:45 p.m. Fri.	
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"BENAVON"	U.K. via Singapore	In Port
"BENVANNOCHI"	U.K. via B.N.B.	26th Sept.
"BENALBANACH"	U.K. via Singapore	on or abt. 28th Oct.
"BENORUACHAN"	U.K. via B.N.B.	5th Nov.
"BENDORAN"	U.K. via Singapore	8th Nov.
"BENOLEUCH"	do	20th Nov.
"BENVYVIS"	do	26th Nov.

SAILINGS Loading on or abt.

"BENVANNOCHI"	Liverpool, Glasgow, Avonmouth & Hull	1st Oct.
"BENAVON"	Liverpool, Dublin, Hamburg & Antwerp	21st Oct.
"BENALBANACH"	London & Antwerp	31st Oct.
"BENORUACHAN"	Liverpool, Glasgow & Hamburg	10th Nov.
"BENDORAN"	Liverpool, Glasgow, Avonmouth & Hull	12th Nov.
"BENLEDI"	Liverpool, Dublin, Hamburg & Antwerp	18th Nov.
"BENOLEUCH"	Kobe & Yokohama	23rd Nov.
"BENVYVIS"	Havre, London & Rotterdam	28th Nov.

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NOTICE

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the members of The Hongkong Electric Company, Limited will be held at the Company's Registered Office, P. & O. Building, Victoria in the Colony of Hong Kong on Friday, the 28th day of September 1951 at 11 o'clock when the following Resolution will be proposed as an Ordinary Resolution:-

"That arising out of the Directors' decision to re-value the Generating Plant and Distribution System of the Company in accordance with present day costs and values as at 31st December 1950, such valuation having been adjusted according to the expected life of each individual item of equipment a Capital Reserve Account of the Company of \$16,831,361.00 has been created, and it is now considered desirable to capitalise a sum of \$14,000,000.00, being part of such Capital Reserve Account, and that accordingly a special capital bonus of \$14,000,000.00, free of income tax be declared and that such bonus be applied on behalf of the persons who on the 26th day of September 1951 were holders of the 2,100,000 fully paid-up issued shares of the Company in payment in full for 1,400,000 new shares of the Company of the nominal value of \$10.00 each, and that such 1,400,000 new shares credited as fully paid be accordingly allotted to such persons respectively in the proportion of two of such new shares for every three of the said issued shares then held by such persons respectively, and that the shares so allotted shall be treated for all purposes as an increase of the nominal amount of the capital of the Company held by each shareholder and not as income, and further that such new shares shall as from the 1st day of October 1951 rank for dividend and in all other respects PARI PASSU with the already issued shares."

"If any member would be entitled to a fractional share the Directors in lieu of issuing fractional share certificates will cause the whole share to be issued to a person or persons to be named by the Directors and such share shall at such time as the Directors think fit be sold and the proceeds distributed among the persons entitled to the fractions making up such share."

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that if the above Resolution is duly passed as an Ordinary Resolution it is the intention of the Board of Directors to close the Register of Members of the Company for a period of three days from the 26th day of September 1951 to the 28th day of September 1951, both days inclusive.

Dated Hong Kong, this 31st day of August 1951.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
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THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION

Savings Bank Department

Savings Bank account-holders are reminded that passbooks should be handed in at least once each half-year for the posting of credit interest.

Will all those whose passbooks are not up to date kindly bring them to the Bank as soon as possible.

M. W. TURNER,
Acting Manager.

14th September, 1951.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

Consignees per "BENAVON"

are hereby notified that their cargo is being discharged into the Hongkong & Kwailoon Wharf & Godown Co's godowns, where it will be at the consignee's risk and subject to the Company's terms and conditions of storage, and where delivery may be obtained.

Damaged packages are to be left in the Godowns for examination by Consignees and the Company's Surveyors, Messrs Carmichael and Clark, at 10 a.m. 29th September, 1951.

To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulations Consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when damaged dutiable goods are examined.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the steamer's godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after the 1st October, 1951, will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 15th October, 1951, or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.
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Hongkong, 25th September, 1951.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

per "BELLEROPHON"

Damaged cargo on this vessel will be surveyed at Hoi's Wharf between 10 a.m. and Noon on September 25 and 26, 1951, and consignees are requested to have their representatives present during the survey.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, September 25, 1951.

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"CANTON"	20th September	22nd October
"CARTHAGE"	18th October	19th November
"CHUSAN"	2nd November	30th November

Homewards	Leaves Hongkong	Due London
"CORFU"	23rd September	23rd October
"CANTON"	20th October	20th November
"CARTHAGE"	22nd November	23rd December
"CHUSAN"	4th December	21st December

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FREIGHT SERVICE

Outwards	Due Hongkong	From
"TRESILLIAN"	20th September	London & Continent
"BURAT"	18th October	—

Homewards	Leaves Hongkong	For
"SHILLONG"	9th October	London & Continent

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	due 5th Oct.	from Calcutta, Rangoon via Singapore & Penang

(These vessels have refrigerated cargo space)

P. & O. B. I. JOINT SERVICE

"UMARIA"	due 28th Sept.	from Karachi, Bombay, Colombo, & Straits
	due 30th Sept.	from Japan
"OKHLA"	due 6th Oct.	from Singapore, Madras, Colombo, Bombay, Karachi, & F. Gulf

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"NELLORS"	due 10th Oct.	from Sydney
	due 2nd Nov.	from Port Moresby, Brisbane, Sydney & Melbourne
"EASTERN"	due 28th Oct.	from Sydney

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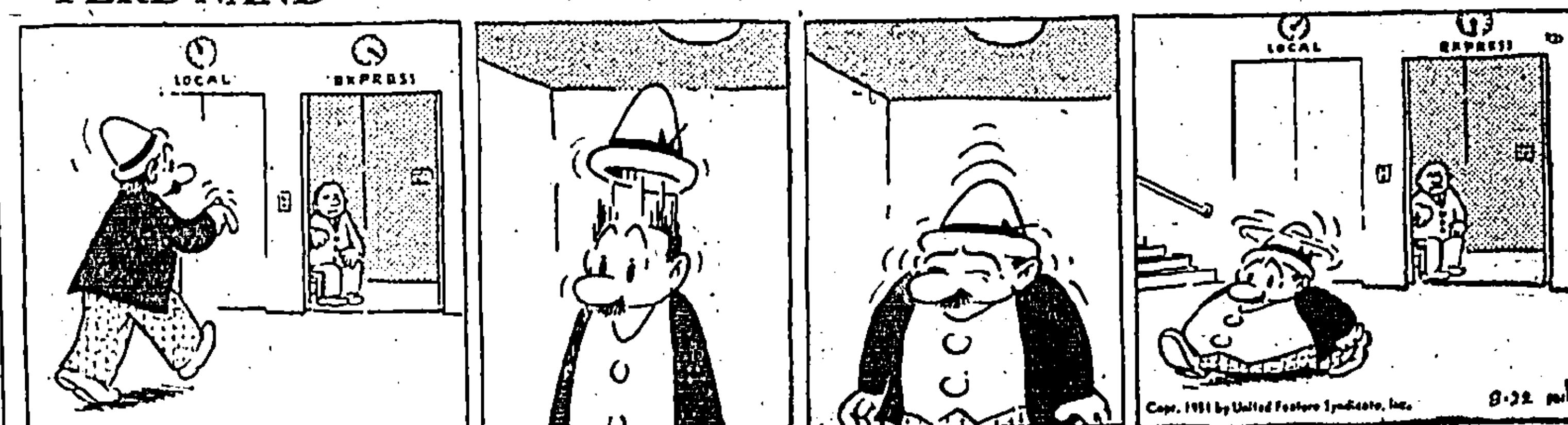
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QUIRINO OFF TO MADRID

New York, Sept. 25.
Philippine President Elpidio Quirino was en route tonight for his State Visit to Generalissimo Francisco Franco and what he described as a "good-will mission to the Spanish people."

The President, who left on board the luxury liner Constitution, told newsmen at the pier that he hopes the ties between his nation and Europe can be generally strengthened with particular emphasis on the restoration of full-scale trade with Spain.

With reference to the bond with Spain that spans four centuries, Quirino said, "Spiritually we are linked to Spain and it is for us now to strengthen that link."

He added "Our foreign policy seeks enhancement of our relations with other peoples of good will. It is in that spirit that I have accepted the invitations of the Spanish Government."

He also expressed hope that he could make a trip to Rome and again see Pope Pius whom he last saw in 1947. The President was smartly turned out in style from hat to shoes. He was followed on board ship by an official party numbering 14, including his daughter, Mrs. V. Q. Gonzalez.

The President came to the US to witness the signing of the mutual defense pact between the Philippines and the US which was signed in Washington on August 30.

"This pact," he said, "settled the question of our security in our own area of the globe primarily in a military way. My people from now on have no fear of being attacked with-out the security of adequate and effective defense."

Associated Press.

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Arriving	Leaving	Outward For
"LA MARSEILLAISE" Oct. 20	Oct. 21	Yokohama & Kobe
"LES OLIERES" Nov. 11	Nov. 17	

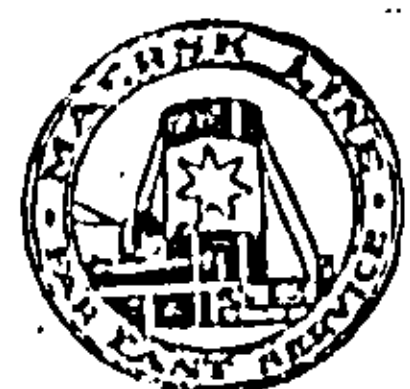
"GIALONG"	Sept. 30	Phanri & Saigon
+ "OYONNAX" Oct. 23	Oct. 25	N. Africa & Europe
+ "LA MARSEILLAISE" Nov. 2	Nov. 3	Manila, Saigon & Marseilles
+ "MONKAY" Nov. 21	Nov. 23	N. Africa & Europe

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M.S. "PETER MAERSK"	Oct. 16
M.S. "NICOLINE MAERSK"	Oct. 31

ARRIVALS FROM U.S.A.

M.S. "LEXA MAERSK"	Oct. 17
M.S. "SALLY MAERSK"	Oct. 20
M.S. "ANNA MAERSK"	Nov. 13

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NY Cotton Futures

New York, Sept. 25.
Prices of cotton futures closed today as follows:-
Spot 37.00
October 36.50
December 36.30-36.40
March (1952) 36.30-36.40
May 36.30-36.40
July 36.30-36.40
October 36.30-36.40
December 36.30-36.40
March (1953) 36.30-36.40

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Spot 36.30-36.40
October 36.30-36.40
December 36.30-36.40
March (1952) 36.30-36.40
May 36.30-36.40
July 36.30-36.40
October 36.30-36.40
December 36.30-36.40
March (1953) 36.30-36.40

EGYPTIAN CROP

Washington, Sept. 25.
 A record cotton crop for Egypt for the 1951-52 season is forecast by the United States Department of Agriculture.

An estimated 2,280,000 bales of 478-pound weight each is predicted.

The largest previous Egyptian cotton production was 2,241,000 bales, grown in 1937, the Department said. Last season Egypt grew 1,702,000 bales, while the previous crop was 1,703,000 bales.

The survey estimated Egypt's acreage this year to cotton would be 2,255,000 compared with 2,050,000 acres last year. Even with the expected heavy cotton crop this season, Egyptians did not expect it would be sufficient to meet world demands, the survey said. — Reuter.

Trade Minister Visits U.S.

New York, Sept. 25.
 The Norwegian Trade Minister, Mr. Erik Broffoss, arrived today for a two-day stay before going to Washington for talks with U.S. officials.

Mr. Broffoss was a member of the NATO conference in Ottawa. After the conference he spent several days visiting relatives near New York. He will represent his Government here on Thursday for the inauguration of Norway House. — United Press.

Copra Quotation

New York, Sept. 25.
 Copra was quoted today at \$102.00 per short ton asked. Coconut oil was quoted today at 13 1/4 cents a pound asked. — United Press.

EXCHANGES IN NY

New York, Sept. 25.
Canada (dollar) 49.00
England (sterling) 2.47 1/2
France (franc) 2.50 asked
Germany (mark) 2.30 1/2
Italy (lira) 2.30 1/2
Japan (yen) 2.30 1/2
Switzerland (franc) 2.30 1/2
Sweden (krone) 2.30 1/2
Denmark (krone) 2.30 1/2
Finland (markka) 2.30 1/2
Norway (krone) 2.30 1/2
Poland (zloty) 2.30 1/2
Czechoslovakia (koruna) 2.30 1/2
Hungary (forint) 2.30 1/2
Romania (lei) 2.30 1/2
Bulgaria (lev) 2.30 1/2
Greece (drachma) 2.30 1/2
Turkey (lira) 2.30 1/2
India (rupee) 2.30 1/2
Pakistan (rupee) 2.30 1/2
Burma (kyat) 2.30 1/2
Siam (baht) 2.30 1/2
Thailand (baht) 2.30 1/2
Philippines (peso) 2.30 1/2
Indonesia (rupiah) 2.30 1/2
Malaya (ringgit) 2.30 1/2
Singapore (dollar) 2.30 1/2
Brunei (dollar) 2.30 1/2
Maldives (lufi) 2.30 1/2
Sri Lanka (rupee) 2.30 1/2
Ceylon (rupee) 2.30 1/2
Madagascar (aerial) 2.30 1/2
Reunion (franc) 2.30 1/2
Mayotte (franc) 2.30 1/2
French Polynesia (franc) 2.30 1/2
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LATIN AMERICA

Argentina (dollar) 49.00
Brazil (cruzado) 2.47 1/2
Chile (peso) 2.50 asked
Colombia (peso) 2.30 1/2
Cuba (peso) 2.30 1/2
Dominican Republic (peso) 2.30 1/2
Ecuador (dollar) 49.00
El Salvador (colon) 2.30 1/2
Guatemala (quetzal) 2.30 1/2
Honduras (lempira) 2.30 1/2
Costa Rica (colon) 2.30 1/2
Nicaragua (coron) 2.30 1/2
Panama (balboa) 2.30 1/2
Paraguay (guarani) 2.30 1/2
Peru (sol) 2.30 1/2
Puerto Rico (dollar) 49.00
Uruguay (peso) 2.30 1/2
Venezuela (bolivar) 2.30 1/2

FAR EAST

India (rupee) 2.30 1/2
Pakistan (rupee) 2.30 1/2
Burma (kyat) 2.30 1/2
Siam (baht) 2.30 1/2
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MIDDLE EAST

Egypt (pound) 2.30 1/2
Iran (rial) 2.30 1/2
Iraq (dinar) 2.30 1/2
Turkey (lira) 2.30 1/2

LATIN AMERICA

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Peru (sol) 2.30 1/2
Puerto Rico (dollar) 49.00
Uruguay (peso) 2.30 1/2
Venezuela (bolivar) 2.30 1/2

FAR EAST

India (rupee) 2.30 1/2
Pakistan (rupee) 2.30 1/2
Burma (kyat) 2.30 1/2
Siam (baht) 2.30 1/2
Thailand (baht) 2.30 1/2
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French Guinea (franc) 2.30 1/2
French Senegal (franc) 2.30 1/2
French Mauritania (franc) 2.30 1/2
French Mali (franc) 2.30 1/2
French Chad (franc) 2.30 1/2
French Cameroon (franc) 2.30 1/2
French Gabon (franc) 2.30 1/2

Sterling Area Ministers To Discuss The Empire's Dollar Crisis

(OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

London, Sept. 25.

A meeting of Sterling Area Finance Ministers will be held in London at the beginning of next January. Mr Hugh Gaitskell, Chancellor of the Exchequer, announced this at a Press conference this evening.

Mr Gaitskell said the Ministers would deal with the dollar problem as it affects the Sterling Area as a whole. This implies that one of the chief topics for discussion will be the proposal to cut dollar imports during the present dollar shortage.

Mr Gaitskell said these cuts would affect the Sterling Area as a whole. No decision had yet been reached as to the type of imports that would be restricted but the matter was under review.

The Chancellor will make a statement on the Sterling Area gold and dollar reserves tomorrow night. This will show that a "substantial" deficit developed in the third quarter of this year.

To a large extent this deficit was due to temporary factors. Mr Gaitskell said. Seasonally, the quarter was the least favourable of the year. We had imported greatly increased amounts of dollar goods and made "very specially" heavy non-recurring payments. Loss of the Persian oil had been a drain on the dollar reserves.

Fortunately, the Chancellor went on, our reserves, though not as large as we should like them to have been, were built up strongly in the last 18 months and were in July two and a half times above the level of two years ago. This gave us the essential element of time to correct the situation.

RAW MATERIALS

Dealing with the question of Sterling Area raw materials Mr Gaitskell said he had discussed with United States officials in Washington a "programme of steady purchases by the United States of Sterling Area raw materials at reasonable prices, and other measures designed to reduce the impact of external factors upon the economy of the United Kingdom and our defence programme."

Mr Gaitskell said that did not necessarily imply a price-fixing scheme. What we wanted most was an assurance of regular buying of Sterling Area raw materials by the United States.

Answering a question, Mr Gaitskell said no formal machinery existed for fixing a "reasonable price" for rubber but he thought there would be no great difficulty in establishing such machinery if it became necessary.

A NECESSITY

London, Sept. 25.
 Britain's Minister for Materials, Mr Richard Stokes, told Commonwealth delegates in London today that the production of all vital raw materials must be increased.

Their prices must also be stabilised at a reasonable level, he added, according to a usually reliable source.

Mr Stokes was addressing the secret Commonwealth Ministerial conference on supply and production being attended by Ministers from nine nations and over 35 British colonial territories and areas.

The materials were copper, cotton, lead, manganese, nickel, rubber, sulphur and pyrites, tin, tungsten and molybdenum, wool and zinc.

The general view of the conference was that increased production of these materials offered great scope but depended on capital and manufactured goods such as farming equipment.

Increased production of raw materials depended very closely on the supply of manufactured machinery.

One Commonwealth delegate described the position as a vicious circle, since raw materials were needed to produce equipment for producing more raw materials.

WILLING TO HELP

Mr Stokes, the chief British spokesman, has insisted: since the talks opened yesterday on an active policy of increased production within the Commonwealth to meet the growing demands of the next 10 years.

He has told the Commonwealth countries not to hold back through fear of supply because Britain was willing to help in suitable cases.

The conference was reported today to be working ahead of

schedule and to have already reached the third of the four points on its agenda.

It is now likely to end on Thursday evening.

The delegates still have to discuss problems of manufactured goods and survey future prospects of British exports.

Ministers and Colonial representatives are also holding bilateral discussions during this week on various raw material questions of individual concern.

Mr Patrick Gordon-Walker, Commonwealth Relations Secretary, and Mr James Griffiths, Colonial Secretary, will probably attend the final sessions. They returned to London today from the Victoria Falls, Rhodesia, talks on a federation for Central Africa.—Reuter.

Unions Not In Grip Of The Reds

San Francisco, Sept. 25.
 Mr C. P. Dave, assistant Secretary General of the All-Pakistan Confederation of Labour, addressed the 73rd annual convention of the American Federation of Labour and said the Communists do not have any hold on the trade union movement in Pakistan.

It was the responsibility of the Asian countries to develop their potential resources with will and vigour, he said.

"Asian trade union leaders should not only fight the economic battles of organised workers but also educate workers on genuine democratic lines so that they are in a position to fight the menace of international Communism," he told the convention.—United Press.

Rubber Futures In Singapore

Singapore, Sept. 25.
Prices of rubber futures closed today as follows:-
Number 1 rubber, per lb. September 157-157 1/2
Number 2 rubber, per lb. September 155 1/2-156
Number 3 rubber, per lb. September 152-153
Number 4 rubber, per lb. September 149 1/2-149 1/2
Number 5 rubber, per lb. September 144-144 1/2
Spot rubber, unbleached, per lb. September 157 1/2-157 1/2
Three-months tin, per lb. September 157-158
No. 1 pale crepe, per lb. September 152-153
—United Press.

New York Sugar Futures

New York, Sept. 25.
Domestic sugar futures No. 6 closed one to five lower. Sales were 69 contracts.
November 2.37 nominal
March 2.32 bid
May 2.37 nominal
World sugar futures No. 4 closed unchanged to one higher. Sales 37 contracts.
March 5.69
May 5.69 nominal
September 5.69 nominal
Raw sugar spot 5.68 nominal
—Associated Press.

Wool Prices Increase

Melbourne, Sept. 25.
 Some wool prices rose at the Melbourne wool sales today and no decreases were recorded.

Merino fleeces skiddings were five per cent more expensive while combings and crossbreds were the same as yesterday.

Competition was good both here and at the Sydney sales.—Reuter.

HONGKONG SHARE MARKET

(Our Own Correspondent)

Business done on the Stock Exchange this morning was valued at \$359,095. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions:-

SHARES BUYERS SELLERS SALES

BANKS

HSBC Bank 1530 1550 3 @ 1540

INSURANCES

Union 700 10 @ 700

HSBC Fire 135 150

DOCKS, ETC.

K. Wharf 83 2300 @ 0.75

Dock 10 200 @ 19

Provident 14 16 600 @ 14.80

Shai Dock 220 1000 @ 27 1/2

Wharfedale 27 1/2 1000 @ 27 1/2

LAND, ETC.

HSBC Hotel 300 @ 6.40

HSBC Land 51 1/2 700 @ 51 1/2

Shai Land 1 1/2

UTILITIES

Tram 10.50 10.10 1000 @ 10.20

Star Ferry 100 1000 @ 10

C. Light (O) 8 1/2 2100 @ 8.90

C. Light (N) 5.60 5 1/2 1000 @ 5.70

C. Light (B) 8.55 8.70 1000 @ 8.70

Electric X 21 300 @ 21 1/2

Electric (B) 20 200 @ 20 1/2

Telephone 15.20 200 @ 15.20

INDUSTRIALS

Cement 12 1/2 14.10 1800 @ 14

Rope 19 600 @ 18.75

